

Companies as Deputy Sheriffs," to be numbered 47 to 51, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 46, and to read as follows:

47. Members of fire companies to be designated as hereinafter provided, whether the companies to which they belong are volunteer or paid, incorporated or unincorporated, shall be authorized to be appointed deputy sheriffs by the sheriffs of the several counties to have and exercise the powers of such deputies at fires and on the way to and from fires.

48. Three members of every such fire company as is described in the preceding section may be designated by the captain, chief or other commanding officer of the fire company to which they belong to be appointed deputy sheriffs of the several counties, respectively, to have and exercise the powers of such deputies at fires and on the way to and from fires; and the said captain, chief or other commanding officer may designate himself as one of the three members to be so appointed.

49. It shall be the duty of the sheriffs of the several counties to appoint three members of each fire company who shall be designated as hereinbefore provided, deputy sheriffs, upon the request of said members accompanied by a written certificate of designation signed by the captain, chief or other commanding officer of the fire company to which they belong, to have and exercise the powers of such deputies within the counties for which they are appointed at fires and on the way to and from fires; and when so appointed, the said members of fire companies shall have the aforesaid powers: *Provided*, that the power conferred upon any such member of a fire company shall cease if such member ceases to be a member of the fire company for which he was appointed; and *provided* further, that any member of a fire company appointed a deputy sheriff under the provisions of this sub-title may be removed from such office by the sheriff at any time for just cause.

50. In case of the death, resignation, dismissal, inability or refusal to serve of any member of a fire company designated and appointed as hereinbefore provided, the captain, chief or other commanding officer of the fire company to which said member belongs or did belong may designate another member to be appointed in his stead; and it shall be the duty of the sheriffs of the several counties to appoint him as deputy sheriff in the same manner and upon the same conditions as provided in the preceding section; and the powers of a member of a fire