

COVINGTON COUNTY

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Separate district created--1900, 2477

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Constitutional Amendment 565--94-354, 602 (ratified 1994)--Bingo regulated.

COUNTY OFFICERS

Constitutional Amendment 479 (ratified 1987)--Legislature authorized to regulate compensation of probate judge and other county officials.

Constitutional Amendment 636--98-257 (ratified 1998)--Supernumerary offices abolished, participation in Employees' Retirement System.

COURT, PROBATE

Constitutional Amendment 479 (ratified 1987)--Legislature authorized to regulate compensation of probate judge.

FIRE PROTECTION

Constitutional Amendment 564--94-346, 590 (ratified 1994)--Ad valorem tax distribution for fire protection, emergency medical, and rescue services.

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Constitutional Amendment 725--2001-447 (ratified 2002)--Economic and industrial development.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Constitutional Amendment Act 2021-80 (ratified 2022)--Authorizing municipalities to permit and regulate limited operation of golf carts on a municipal street or a public road.

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Constitutional Amendment Act 2021-80 (ratified 2022)--Authorizing municipalities to permit and regulate limited operation of golf carts on a municipal street or a public road.

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JONES COUNTY

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