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# Chapter VII - Elections

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## Elections - Historical Notes

### **District - Reapportionment**

The act listed below once had affected the civil districts in Morgan County, but is no longer operative regarding elections.

1. Public Acts of 1819, Chapter 5, authorized a precinct election at the home of John Triplett and a precinct election at Indian Tavern.

### **Elections**

The following is a listing of acts for Morgan County which affected the elective process, but which have been superseded or repealed. They are listed here for historical and reference purposes. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Public Acts of 1819, Chapter 69, apportioned the representation of the state in the Tennessee State Legislature. Morgan County, along with Anderson, Roane, Rhea, Bledsoe, Marion, Hamilton and McMinn counties, composed one election district and jointly elected one senator. In addition, the counties of Morgan and Roane elected one representative jointly.
2. Public Acts of 1822, Chapter 1, provided for the election of representatives from Tennessee to the United States Congress. The counties of Morgan, Campbell, Anderson, Roane, Rhea, Bledsoe, Marion, Hamilton, McMinn and Monroe composed the third congressional district.
3. Public Acts of 1823, Chapter 47, divided the state into eleven electoral districts for the purpose of electing electors of a president and vice president of the United States. The counties of Morgan, Blount, Knox, Anderson and Roane composed the third electoral district and elected one elector.
4. Public Acts of 1824, Chapter 1, divided the state into eleven electoral districts for the purpose of electing electors of a president and vice president of the United States. The counties of Morgan, Blount, Anderson, Knox and Roane composed the third electoral district and elected one elector.
5. Public Acts of 1826, Chapter 3, apportioned the representation of the state in the Tennessee State Legislature. Morgan County, along with Roane, Rhea, Hamilton, Bledsoe and Marion, composed one election district and elected one senator. In addition, the counties of Morgan and Roane elected one representative jointly.
6. Public Acts of 1827, Chapter 17, divided the state into eleven electoral districts for the purpose of electing electors of a president and vice president of the United States. The third electoral district was composed of the counties of Morgan, Blount, Anderson, Knox and Roane.
7. Private Acts of 1829-30, Chapter 138, prescribed the duties of the sheriffs of Morgan County in cumulating the vote totals from the county in elections for the state general assembly.
8. Public Acts of 1832, Chapter 4, divided the state into districts for the election of representatives to the United States Congress. The counties of Morgan, Roane, McMinn, Rhea, Hamilton, Bledsoe and Marion composed the fourth congressional district.
9. Public Acts of 1832, Chapter 9, divided the state into fifteen electoral districts for the purpose of electing electors of a president and vice president of the United States. The counties of Morgan, Knox, Anderson, Campbell and Roane composed the fourth electoral district.
10. Public Acts of 1833, Chapter 71, divided the state into representative and senatorial districts. The counties of Morgan, Knox, Anderson and Campbell composed one election district, and elected one senator. In addition, the counties of Morgan, Campbell and Anderson composed one election district and elected one representative jointly.
11. Public Acts of 1833, Chapter 76, provided for the calling of a state convention for the purpose of revising and amending the state constitution. The counties of Morgan and Anderson composed one district and elected one delegate to the state convention.
12. Public Acts of 1835-36, Chapter 39, divided the state into fifteen electoral districts for the purpose of electing electors of a president and vice president of the United States. The counties of Morgan, Knox, Anderson, Campbell and Roane composed the fourth electoral district.
13. Acts of 1842, Second Session, Chapter 1, apportioned the representation in the general assembly. The counties of Morgan, Campbell, Anderson and Roane composed one senatorial district and elected one senator. In addition, Morgan and Bledsoe counties elected one representative. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1978, Chapter 597.

14. Acts of 1842, Second Session, Chapter 7, divided the state into congressional districts for the election of representatives to the United States Congress. The counties of Morgan, Jefferson, Grainger, Claiborne, Campbell, Anderson, Sevier, Blount and Monroe composed the second congressional district.
15. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 196, divided the state into congressional districts for the election of representatives to the United States Congress. The counties of Morgan, Grainger, Claiborne, Campbell, Scott, Anderson, Knox, Fentress and Overton composed the second congressional district.
16. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 197, apportioned the representation in the general assembly of the state. Morgan County jointly elected one representative with Scott and Fentress counties. In addition, the counties of Morgan, Scott, Fentress and Overton composed one senatorial district and elected one senator.
17. Private Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 90, directed that the vote totals for the representative from Morgan, Scott, and Fentress counties be compared at Jamestown in Fentress County on the first Monday after election day.
18. Private Acts of 1859-60, Chapter 169, authorized the voters of Morgan County to decide as to whether the county seat should be moved from Montgomery to Wartburg.
19. Public Acts of 1865, Chapter 34, divided the state into congressional districts for the election of representatives to the United States Congress. The counties of Morgan, Claiborne, Union, Knox, Campbell, Scott, Anderson, Blount, Monroe, Polk, McMinn, Bradley and Roane composed the second congressional district.
20. Public Acts of 1871, Chapter 146, apportioned the senatorial and representative districts in the state. Morgan County jointly elected one representative with Fentress and Overton counties. In addition, Morgan County was placed in the fifth senatorial district along with Campbell, Scott, Roane, Fentress, Overton, Putnam, White and Cumberland counties.
21. Acts of 1872, Extra Session, Chapter 7, divided the state into congressional districts to apportion the representation of the state in the United States Congress. The second congressional district was composed of the counties of Morgan, Knox, Sevier, Jefferson, Anderson, Campbell, Scott, Fentress, Cumberland, White, Putnam, Overton, Jackson, Smith Macon and Clay.
22. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 27, divided the state into congressional districts for the election of representatives to the United States Congress. The counties of Morgan, Jefferson, Sevier, Blount, Monroe, Loudon, Roane, Knox, Anderson, Campbell, Scott and Union composed the second congressional district.
23. Public Acts of 1881, Extra Session, Chapter 6, apportioned the state into senatorial and representative districts. Morgan County jointly elected one representative with Anderson County. In addition, Morgan County was placed in the ninth senatorial district along with Grundy, Sequatchie, Bledsoe, Van Buren, Rhea, Cumberland and White counties.
24. Public Acts of 1882, Chapter 27, divided the state into congressional districts to apportion the representation of the state in the United States Congress. The second congressional district was composed of Morgan, Knox, Anderson, Jefferson, Union, Sevier, Blount, Loudon, Roane, Campbell and Scott counties.
25. Public Acts of 1891, Chapter 131, divided the state into congressional districts to apportion the representation of the state in the United States Congress. Morgan, Knox, Jefferson, Union, Sevier, Blount, Loudon, Roane, Anderson, Campbell and Scott counties composed the second congressional district.
26. Acts of 1891, Extra Session, Chapter 10, apportioned the counties of the state into senatorial and representative districts. Morgan County jointly elected one representative with Anderson and Scott counties. In addition, Morgan County was placed in the ninth senatorial district along with Rhea, Bledsoe, White, Cumberland, Sequatchie and Van Buren counties.
27. Private Acts of 1897, Chapter 216, detached Morgan County from the ninth senatorial district and attached it to the tenth senatorial district.
28. Public Acts of 1901, Chapter 109, divided the state into congressional districts to apportion the representation of the state in the United States Congress. The counties of Morgan, Sumner, Trousdale, Wilson, Putnam, Jackson, Clay, Overton, Smith, Macon, Pickett, Fentress, Cumberland and Rhea composed the fourth congressional district.
29. Public Acts of 1901, Chapter 122, apportioned the counties of the state into senatorial and representative districts. Morgan County was placed in the tenth senatorial district along with

Fentress, Pickett, Clay, Overton, Putnam and Jackson counties. In addition, Morgan and Anderson counties jointly elected one representative. This act was amended by Acts of 1907, Chapter 3, which detached Morgan County from the tenth senatorial district and attached it to the third senatorial district.

30. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 200, set the compensation of the election officials in Morgan County at \$2.00 per day.

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