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# Law Enforcement - Historical Notes

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## **Militia**

Those acts once affecting Morgan County, which related to the militia and to other law enforcement agencies other than the sheriff, are mentioned below in chronological order. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Public Acts of 1819, Chapter 68, revised and amended the militia laws of the state. The militia of Morgan County composed the fifty-eighth regiment, seventh brigade of the first division and held regimental muster on the fourth Thursday of October.
2. Public Acts of 1825, Chapter 69, revised and amended the militia laws of the state. The militia of Morgan County composed the fifty-eighth regiment, third brigade of the first division and held regimental musters on the fourth Thursday in October.
3. Private Acts of 1831, Chapter 66, exempted the militia of the fifty-eighth regiment of Morgan County from attending battalion musters.
4. Public Acts of 1835-36, Chapter 21, divided the militia of the state into companies, battalions, regiments, brigades and divisions. The militia of Morgan County composed the thirtieth regiment, fourth brigade, of the first division.
5. Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 157, amended the militia laws of the state. The militia of Morgan County remained part of the fourth brigade, but held regimental musters on the third Friday and Saturday in September. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1978, Chapter 595.
6. Acts of 1839-40, Chapter 56, established a new militia for the state. The militia of Morgan County composed the thirtieth regiment, fourth brigade, of the first division. Morgan County held regimental musters on the second Saturday in October.
7. Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 76, exempted the militia in the third civil district of Morgan County from attending battalion and regimental musters.
8. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 229, Section 4, exempted the militia of the eighth and ninth civil district from attending the regimental and battalion musters in said county.
9. Private Acts of 1861, Chapter 1, established a new militia for the state. The militia of Morgan County composed the thirtieth regiment of the fourth brigade. Morgan County held regimental musters on the second Saturday in October.

## **Offenses**

The act briefly summarized below fell into this category in Morgan County.

1. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 728, regulated the possession, storage, use, manufacture or sale of pyrotechnics in Morgan County. This act was repealed by Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 172.

## **Sheriff**

The following acts have no current effect but are included here for reference purposes since they once applied to the Morgan County Sheriff's Office. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 342, allowed James Wilson, former sheriff of Morgan County an additional year to collect tax arrearages.
2. Private Acts of 1943, Chapter 452, fixed the compensation of the Morgan County Sheriff so as to include an additional \$1,000 in ex officio fees which were paid quarterly on warrant of the judge or chairman of Morgan County.

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