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The following is a listing of acts for Gibson County which affected the elective process, but which have been superseded or repealed.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. Acts of 1842 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 1, placed the counties of Gibson, Carroll, and Dyer in the 22nd Senatorial District which would elect one senator. Gibson County would elect one representative. This act was repealed by Public Acts of 1978, Chapter 597, having been superseded by Title 3, Chapter I of the Tennessee Code Annotated.
2. Acts of 1842 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 7, placed Perry, Henderson, Madison, Carroll, Gibson, Weakley and Obion Counties in the II th Congressional District.
3. Public Acts of 1861-62, Chapter 48, placed Gibson and Madison Counties in the 22nd Senatorial District which would elect one state senator. The act provided that Gibson County would elect one state representative and the counties of Gibson, Henry, Weakley, Madison and Carroll jointly would elect one representative.
4. Private Acts of 1943, Chapter 46, provided that the polls in Gibson County in all elections for President, Vice-President, U.S. Senator and Representative, Governor, members of the General Assembly, Judges, Circuit and County Court Clerks, District Attorneys, Sheriffs, Trustees, Registers, Constables and Justices of the Peace, were to remain open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
5. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 490, required that election officials keep the polls in Milan open until 7:00 p.m.
6. Private Acts of 1945, Chapter 493, made the 1943 act applicable to all elections for general offices of the United States, the State of Tennessee, and Gibson County.

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