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Elections - Historical Notes

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Civil Districts

The acts listed below have affected the civil districts in Hamblen County, but are no longer operative regarding elections.

1. Acts of 1903, Chapter 252, abolished the Second, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Civil Districts then existing in Hamblen County, dividing it into five Civil Districts.
2. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 157, created the Sixth and Seventh Civil Districts of Hamblen County.
3. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 531, created the Eighth Civil District of Hamblen County.
4. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 143, created the Ninth Civil District of Hamblen County, from a portion of the Third Civil District.
5. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 787, created the second voting precinct in the First Civil District.

Elections

The following is a listing of acts for Hamblen County which affected the elective process, but which have been superseded or repealed. They are listed here for historical and reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 247, required the payment of poll taxes thirty days before an election as a prerequisite to voting in any election in Hamblen County.
2. Public Acts of 1915, Chapter 21, provided for the registration of qualified voters in Hamblen County.
3. Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 363, created the third voting precinct in the Fourth Civil District of Hamblen County.
4. Private Acts of 1935, Chapter 338, amended the general law to make it applicable to Hamblen County, (Code of 1932, Section 1996).
5. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 197, set the pay of election officers and the registrar of voters at \$3 per day, for each day served in the performance of their duties. This was amended by Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 118, to raise their salaries to \$5 per day. This is now set by T.C.A. 2-4-109 (election officers) and 2-12-111 (precinct registrars and their assistants).
6. Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 98, was a voter registration law for Hamblen County. It provided that no re-registration of voters would be necessary as long as a voter remained within the Civil District where he originally registered.

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