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Acts of 1897 Chapter 176

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Whereas, a commission was appointed by the county courts of the counties of Lake and Obion to survey, fix, and establish the boundary line between said counties in accordance with the constitutional provision and legislative Act creating the county of Lake, as to that part of said boundary not already fixed by an Act of the General Assembly of 1893; and,

Whereas, said commissioners, L. Donaldson, of Lake County, and S. F. Howard, of Obion County as such commissioner, did survey, mark and establish said line and report to their respective counties; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. That the following line, be and the same shall constitute the boundary line between certain portions of the Counties of Lake and Obion; Beginning at a large double leaning willow tree on the west bank of Broad Slough, it being the beginning corner of the boundary line, established by the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee of 1893; running thence in a westerly direction with the center of Dredge Ditch to a stake in the center of the "Spill-way"; thence southwardly with the center of Free Bridges Dredge Ditch to the Dyer County line.

SECTION 2. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed: January 22, 1897.

COMPILER'S NOTE: This Act, and Act of 1870, Chapter 30, were both part of the basis for the decision of the Supreme Court in State v. Hoffman, 210 Tenn. 686, 362 S.W.2d 231 (1962). The court held that this act determined the boundary line between Lake and Obion Counties and therefore the venue of the misdemeanor case before the court was in Lake County where the defendant, Hoffman, had been tried. And, further, that he had no standing to question the constitutionality of Chapter 173, since counties had long acquiesced in the boundary line established by this Act.

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