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## Acts of 1807 Chapter 44

**SECTION 1.** That there shall be a new county laid off to be contained within the following bounds, (to wit:) Beginning one mile north of the south east corner of the eighth section, in the sixteenth range, in the first district, and on the western boundary line of Williamson county; running thence, west, to the east boundary line of Stewart county, thence south with said line, to the southern boundary of the state; thence with the state line, east, so far that a line at right angles north, shall strike the south west corner of the county of Maury; thence with the lines of said county of Williamson to the beginning; within which bounds shall be contained, a new and distinct county by the name of Hickman, in memory of Edwin Hickman, deceased.

**SECTION 2.** That for the administration of justices in said county of Hickman, the justices of the peace in said county, shall hold a court of pleas and quarter sessions, on the first Mondays in the months of January, April, July and October in each and every year; which courts shall be held at the house where William Joslin at present resides, on Pine river, and shall have the same power and jurisdiction, and be subject to the same laws, rules and regulations as the other courts of pleas and quarter sessions within this state.

**SECTION 3.** That elections shall be held in said county, for governor of the state, members of congress, members of the state legislature, and electors to elect a president and vice president of the United States, at the place of holding court in said county, on the days and under the same laws, rules and regulations as are prescribed for such elections as in other cases; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of the county of Hickman, to meet the sheriff of the county of Dickson, on the succeeding day, at the court-house in the town of Charlotte, and compare the votes so taken in said county of Hickman, which shall compose part of the election of the said county of Dickson and Robertson, so far as respects the representative for said counties; and the votes for senator shall in like manner be annexed to the votes of Dickson county, and be compared as heretofore prescribed by law; and in like manner for member to congress, and an elector to elect a president and vice- president of the United States, and governor for this state.

**SECTION 4.** That the sheriff of Hickman county shall hold an election on the first Thursday and Friday in May next, for the purpose of electing one colonel and two majors of the militia in said county, under the rules and regulations prescribed by law for electing such officers; and said officers when elected and commissioned, shall have the same power and authority, and shall perform the duties prescribed to colonels and majors by the laws in force regulating the militia of this state, and the said militia shall compose the thirty-sixth regiment and be a part of the sixth brigade.

**SECTION 5.** That the county of Hickman shall be, and compose a part of the district of Robertson, and shall send two jurors to the superior court at Clarksville, to be appointed by the county court as in other cases.

**SECTION 6.** That the sheriff of Dickson county shall have full power and authority to collect any arrearages of taxes which may remain unpaid by any of the citizens of Hickman county, and this act shall be in force from the first day of January next.

December 3rd, 1807.

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