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# Change of Boundary Lines

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## Private Acts of 1835-36 Chapter 45

**SECTION 1.** That all that part of Perry county lying between Purdy's and Daugherty's line, be and same is hereby attached to the county of Benton, to wit:--Beginning on the Tennessee river, at the line that divides Purdy's and Daugherty's districts, and thence running with said line to the north east corner of Henderson county; thence with the Henderson county line to the Carroll county line, where the same intersects the county of Benton.

**SECTION 2.** That the citizens within the aforesaid boundary shall, in all respects, be entitled to all the privileges and rights that are extended to the county of Benton.

**SECTION 3.** That all taxes and other public dues from the citizens within the aforesaid boundary, shall be payable and collected by the proper officers of the county of Perry, in as full and ample a manner as if this act had not been passed; and the county courts of said county shall have full power and authority to render judgment for taxes and public dues, against the land and other property of citizens within the aforesaid boundary, in as full and ample a manner as if said citizens had not been detached from the county of Perry.

**SECTION 4.** That Hamilton Ledbetter, Adam Walker and John Meanes, be and they are hereby directed to hold an election at the precinct within the aforesaid bounds, first giving ten days notice, to receive the votes of the qualified voters within the aforesaid boundary, for and against being attached to the county of Benton; and they are hereby directed to compare the votes as taken before some justice of the peace for Perry county; and if a majority of the citizens shall vote for being attached to the county of Benton, they shall certify the same to the governor, the number of votes given for and against the same, and the governor shall immediately proclaim the fraction hereby proposed to be attached to the county of Benton, shall from twenty days after the date of such proclamation, be attached to the county of Benton; PROVIDED, that the governor shall not issue his proclamation until it shall be shewn [sic] by actual survey, that to attach the territory hereby proposed, will not reduce the county of Perry below its constitutional limits; PROVIDED, also, that the citizens residing within the aforesaid boundary, and voting against being detached from the county of Perry, shall not be required to pay any portion of the expense of making a survey of said county of Perry.

Passed: February 20, 1836.

## Private Acts of 1835-36 Chapter 70

**SECTION 1.** That all that portion of the county of Henry, contained within the following boundary, shall hereafter be and the same is hereby attached to the county of Benton, to wit:--Beginning on the Tennessee river, on the line that divides the county of Henry and Benton, and thence running down said river with its meanders, so far, to a point, that by running a line due west will include all the inhabitants on Lick creek to Sandy river; thence up the said river with its meanders, to where it intersects with the county line of Benton county.

**SECTION 2.** That D.P. Henderson, Nicholas Brewer and Charles J. Wheatley, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to run and mark the boundary as herein prescribed; for which they shall receive a compensation to be allowed them by the county court of Benton county, and they shall make a complete plat of the territory hereby included in said county, and the same shall be spread on the records of the said county.

**SECTION 3.** That the citizens within the aforesaid boundary shall exercise all the rights and privileges of the citizens of the county of Benton, in electing their county officers for said county; PROVIDED, they shall vote for members of congress, governor, electors for president and vice president, and members of the general assembly, with the county of Henry, until the next enumeration, in pursuance of the fifth section and tenth article of the amended constitution.

**SECTION 4.** That all taxes and public dues from the citizens within the aforesaid boundary, due to the county of Henry, shall be collected in the same manner as heretofore, and they shall be liable for the same, in as full and ample a manner as if said citizens had never been detached from said county of Henry.

Passed: February 15th, 1836.

## Public Acts of 1883 Chapter 221

**SECTION 1.** That the county line between Benton and Decatur counties shall be and the same is hereby so changed that the line of Benton county shall run from its northeast corner south, up Tennessee River about one mile, to a slough; thence west with the Bark Road, on a dividing ridge, to H. C. Walker's; thence north with west boundary line of H.C. Walker's farm, across with the west boundary line of Alfred Tipitt's farm to the Benton line near Richard Odle's.

**SECTION 2.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 29, 1883.

## Private Acts of 1949 Chapter 599

**SECTION 1.** That the county line between Carroll and Benton Counties is hereby changed so as to take from the 16th Civil District of Carroll County and place in the 12th Civil District of Benton County the following described land:

A strip of land forty (40) feet wide extending twenty (20) feet on each side of a line beginning in the center of the road from Mt. Carmen Church, in Benton County, to McMackin's spur, in Carroll County, at the point where the county line between Carroll and Benton Counties crosses said road and running west with the center of said road to a point in said road ten (10) feet west of Big Sandy River Canal.

**SECTION 2.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 4, 1949.

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