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## Private Acts of 1835-36 Chapter 39

**SECTION 1.** That Hugh Robinson, of the county of Cannon, and Solomon Beasley and Alfred P. Gowen, of the county of Rutherford, are hereby appointed commissioners to run and plainly mark the dividing line between the counties of Cannon and Rutherford, and the line between Cannon and Warren, according to the provisions of the act as above recited, to which this is a supplement, except so far as the same directs that said line shall be run north from the twelve mile tree, near Readyville, marked by Joseph Fowler; and instead of so running, they shall run north from said twelve mile tree to John Witherspoon's, and from thence a northwest direction, leaving said Witherspoon in Rutherford County, to the nearest point of Rucker's Knob, leaving Bennett Rucker and Higdon R. Jarratt, in Cannon county; thence with the summit of the ridge to the dividing ridge, between the waters of Stone's river and Landers' Fork; thence with the summit of said ridge to the Wilson county line. The said commissioners shall run from said twelve mile tree south to Jesse Stovall's field, then run west of south so as to strike the point of the ridge that divides the waters of Cripple creek from Brawley's Fork, and so as to include the house of Jesse Stovall, in Cannon county, leaving William Stacy in Rutherford county, then with the top of the ridge to the line of Coffee county; and the line so run, shall forever be the boundary between the said counties of Cannon and Rutherford; and said county of Cannon shall pay said commissioners a reasonable compensation for their services in running and marking said line; and the citizens residing in that part of said county of Cannon taken from Rutherford County, shall not be liable to pay any part of the debts of the county of Warren or any other county, except debts which may be hereafter incurred by the county of Cannon.

**SECTION 2.** That the sheriff of said county of Cannon shall, on the first Monday of January, 1837, and on the first Monday of January in every year thereafter, hold an election in the town that may be laid off under the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, for the purpose of electing by the qualified voters of said town, four town commissioners, who shall appoint one of their own body chairman, and shall also appoint a clerk and treasurer; and said commissioners shall have power to lay and collect a tax for the use of said town, on all property within its limits which is taxable by the constitution of the State, and to lay and collect a tax on all shows and public exhibitions for money in said town; and to pass all by-laws and ordinances necessary for the regulation of said town: PROVIDED, that they shall not pass any by-laws or ordinances incompatible with the constitution and laws of the State.

**SECTION 3.** That all civil suits at law which may be, on the first day of March next, pending in the county and circuit courts of the counties of Cannon and Rutherford, and wherein both plaintiff and defendant, or plaintiffs and defendants, reside within the limits of the county of Cannon, it shall be the duty of the clerks of said courts respectively, to transfer them to the circuit court of said county of Cannon; and they shall forthwith, after said first day of March, file in the office of the clerk of said county, a transcript of the record of all such suits, and all the papers and proceedings in relation to them; and any suit so transferred, shall be proceeded in said circuit court of Cannon county, in the same manner as if they had been originally instituted therein.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Sections 4 and 5 did not apply to Cannon County and therefore, are not included herein.

**SECTION 6.** That the act to which this is a supplement shall be and is hereby amended, so that the line of the said county of Cannon, shall run from the point where the line of Cannon county strikes the line between Rutherford and Wilson according to the first section of this supplement; thence with the line of Wilson to the point near Stroud's where the line run by Trott enters Wilson county; thence north eighty degrees east with the line run by said Trott through the county of Wilson to the Smith county line; thence to the point where the line of Cannon county leaves the county line of Wilson, according to the act to which this is a supplement: PROVIDED, that the county of Wilson, on a survey to be made by the county surveyor of Sumner county, or some other good surveyor of that county, to be selected by the Senator and Representatives of Sumner county, shall have the constitutional quantity of territory after cutting off the territory aforesaid: PROVIDED, also, that if there should be less surplus territory in the county of Wilson, the line shall be so run by the surveyor aforesaid as to include such surplus territory and no more, in the county of Cannon; and as soon as the said survey may be made, and the line run cutting off the surplus territory of Wilson county to the said county of Cannon, the citizens thus cut off, shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities, in every respect, that the citizens of said county of Cannon have conferred on them by the act to which this is a supplement.

**SECTION 7.** If the line of the county of Cannon should be run through the county of Wilson as provided in the foregoing section, the said surveyor shall return to the Governor a fair plat of such survey, who

shall in that event issue his proclamation to that effect; after which, the part of Wilson county taken off by such survey, shall be and constitute a part of the county of Cannon; and the citizens in the portion of territory so laid off, shall have all the privileges, and be subject to all the duties of other citizens of the county of Cannon: PROVIDED, that the citizens so added to the county of Cannon shall not be liable to pay any part of the debts of the county of Warren, or any other county, except debts which may be hereafter incurred by the county of Cannon.

**SECTION 8.** That the portion of the county of Wilson so to be taken off and attached to the county of Cannon, shall constitute one civil district, in addition to the number now allowed to the county of Cannon, until changed according to law; and an election for magistrates and constables, and all other elections required to be held in other districts in said county of Cannon, shall take place therein at the same time, and in the same manner of other districts in the county of Cannon; PROVIDED, that if such election should not take place at the time of elections in other districts, the first election in the same may be held at any other time, to be fixed by the first county or circuit court of Cannon county; PROVIDED, also, that so soon as the proclamation shall have issued as aforesaid, the commissioners heretofore appointed to lay off Wilson county into districts, shall designate the place for general elections in said district so cut off to the county of Cannon; and they shall also arrange the territory that may be left on the Wilson county side of such line, if the said line shall divide any of the civil districts of Wilson county into a new district, or attach portions, or all of such territory to other districts, or newly to arrange the districts in that part of the county, in the manner that will best promote the convenience of the people.

**SECTION 9.** Said county of Cannon shall be entitled to the share to which its population will entitle it of the common school and other public funds, that are by law to be distributed among the several counties of this State; and the portion of such funds allotted to the counties from whose territory the county of Cannon is taken, shall have a deduction in proportion to the quantity of their territory and population so taken off.

**SECTION 10.** That in addition to the fifteen square miles taken from the county of Smith and attached to the county of Cannon, by the act to which this is a supplement, the following territory shall also be attached: beginning at a stake in the line dividing the counties of Smith and Wilson, four miles from the southwest original corner of Smith County, running thence north twenty-three degrees west eight and one fourth miles, to an elm tree in said line; thence south eighty degrees east sixteen miles, to the Caney Fork river; thence up said river with the meanders, intersecting at that point the eastern boundary of said county of Cannon; and the inhabitants included in said boundary shall have all the rights, privileges and immunities, that the inhabitants of said county of Cannon have conferred on them by the act to which this is a supplement.

**SECTION 11.** That in addition to the commissioners appointed by joint resolution of both houses of this Legislature to lay off Smith county into civil districts, Jacob Fite and John Fite shall, and they are hereby appointed; and it is hereby made the duty of said commissioners, or any three of them, forthwith to lay off that part of Smith county which, by this act, is attached to the county of Cannon, into civil districts, and designate the places of holding elections in such districts; which districts shall be added to the number of districts for Cannon county, and shall be laid off as near as may be convenient, with not less than one hundred free voters to one district; and they shall also regulate and lay off the districts in Smith county, adjoining its south boundary line, as established by this act, so as to suit the convenience of the citizens, and to return ideal plats with certificates for Cannon county, to the county court of Cannon, and for Smith, to the county court of Smith, and one for each to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 12.** That so much of the act to which this is a supplement, as requires the commissioners who were appointed by said act to ascertain the surplus territory in Smith County, and hold an election to ascertain the consent of the inhabitants within said surplus territory to be attached to Cannon county, to report their proceedings to the county court of Cannon county, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Passed: February 19, 1836.

## Acts of 1837 Chapter 67

**SECTION 1.** That so much of the county of Wilson, as lies south of the following line, to wit: beginning at the house of John Baxters, or near there, on the Cannon and Rutherford line, running with the dividing ridge, a north course to Wm. Jewell's, then an eastern course with the ridge, dividing the waters of Saunder's Fork, & Smith's Fork, to the mouth of Saunder's Fork, thence with Smith's Fork meanders to the Wilson and Cannon line, at Richmond's (alias) Hase's Mill, be, and the same is attached to the county of Cannon; and that the citizens included in said territory attached to Cannon from Wilson, shall have and enjoy all the rights and privileges, as other citizens of Cannon county: PROVIDED, the county of Wilson has a surplus territory to spare, over and above her constitutional limits, which is to be ascertained by

reference to the survey made by Thomas Anderson, agreeable to an act of Assembly passed at the session of 1835.

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act referred to Coffee and Franklin Counties and are therefore not repeated here.

Passed: January 13, 1838.

## Acts of 1843-44 Chapter 173

**SECTION 1.** That the following alteration is hereby made in the lines between the counties of Wilson and Cannon, that is to say: Beginning where the line between Wilson and Cannon counties passes through John Richardson's field, running north one half mile including the house where Joseph Moore now lives; thence north eighty degrees east parallel with the county line four miles; thence south fifty degrees east until it strikes the county line including Joseph H. Boyle; thence with the present county line to the beginning; and the line so run is hereby established as the true line between said counties; Provided, said alteration of the foregoing line, shall not reduce the county of Wilson below the constitutional limits in regard to territory; Provided further, that a majority of the voters stricken off from the county of Wilson, shall be in favor of said alteration.

**SECTION 2.** That the citizens living in the territory stricken from the county of Wilson by the first section of this act, if they desire said alteration, employ a competent surveyor to run and mark said alteration at their own expense; and it shall be the duty of said surveyor to make two plain plats of the same, and return one to the county court of Wilson, and the other to the county court of Cannon county, to be filed with the clerks of said county courts; said surveyor shall also report to the county court of Wilson county, whether said alteration will reduce Wilson county below her constitutional limits.

Passed: January 27, 1844.

## Private Acts of 1943 Chapter 410

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the Counties of Rutherford and Cannon be so changed as to place within the 23 Civil Districts of Rutherford County a tract of land of 18 acres, more or less, bounded and described as follows:

*"Beginning on sugar tree in Clinton Wilson's line, near the corner of the Sarah Williams, thence North-East 100 yards more or less to a Locust Stake Corner, thence North-West 280 yards more or less to J. F. Williams South-West corner, thence with J. F. Williams line back to Clinton Wilson's line, thence, with Clinton Wilson's line to the beginning corner."*

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

Passed: February 9, 1943.

## Private Acts of 1963 Chapter 229

**SECTION 1.** That the county line between the counties of Cannon and Rutherford be and the same hereby is changed whereby and so as to transfer the following described lands from Rutherford County to Cannon County, to wit:

*"a triangular tract or parcel of land at the intersection of U.S. Highway 70S and the old Woodbury-Murfreesboro Turnpike facing 154 feet on the south side of said highway and facing 96 feet on the west side of said old turnpike with a southwest line of approximately 138 feet running from one to the other of said two terminal points; also, a contiguous strip of land six feet in width along the south margin of said highway extending in an easterly direction from the west margin of the above described triangular tract, at said intersection of said highway and said old turnpike, to Stones River."*

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

Passed: March 19, 1963.

## Public Acts of 1970 Chapter 569

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** This is a Special Act of the Legislature and is not printed in the Tennessee Code Annotated.

**SECTION 1.** The line between the counties of Cannon and Coffee be, and the same is, hereby changed

by detaching from the County of Cannon and attaching to the County of Coffee all of the hereinafter described territory:

A tract or parcel of land now lying in the 13th civil district of Cannon, adjacent to, and just north of the line between the counties of Cannon and Coffee containing 40.81 acres, more or less, and more particularly described as follows:

*"Beginning at the corner of a fence located at the northward margin of the Holly Spring Road, the said point of beginning being known as Kenners southwest corner, also considered as being located in the south line of Cannon County and the north line of Coffee County; thence running with a fence this being Kenners west line N 3° 15' E 1500 ft. to the corner of the fence; thence running with a staked line along the top of a ravine, this being Dr. Adams southward line N 89° 45' W 407.7 ft., N 77° W 166 ft., N 62° 30' W 156 ft., N 52° 30' W 272 ft., N 84° 15' W 242 ft., to a large fence post; thence running with a fence this being Parkers lastward line S 23° 50' W 952 ft., S 24° 15' W 153 ft., to the corner of the fence; thence running with the north-ward margin of the Holly Spring Road, considered as the north line of Coffee County, and the south line of Cannon County, S 60° 45' E 668 ft., S 64° 15' E 1008 ft., to the beginning and containing 40.81 acres as surveyed by William C. Ingram, Coffee County Surveyor, on the 27th day of January, 1970."*

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

Passed: February 19, 1970.

## Private Acts of 1971 Chapter 182

**SECTION 1.** A sixteen (16) acre (more or less) tract of land now situated in the new fourth (4th), old seventeenth (17th), district of Rutherford County, hereafter described is removed from Rutherford County into the first (1st) civil district of Cannon County, and the county line between Rutherford and Cannon County at this place shall hereafter run with the boundaries of said tract so as to exclude said lands from Rutherford County and to include the same in Cannon County. The tract of land is generally bounded and described as follows:

*"Bounded on the North by the lands of the McKnight sisters; on the South by Hollandsworth public road; on the East by the existing Rutherford-Cannon County line; and on the West by Hollandsworth public road and being lands conveyed by and described in that certain warranty deed from Susan P. Sneed to Mitchell Gibson et ux of date July 6, 1968, of record in the Register's Office of Rutherford County, Tennessee, in Deed Book 182 at page 556, also of record in the Register's Office of Cannon County, Tennessee, in Deed Book 73 at page 109, which tract of land is presently owned by Jerry A. Fann by warranty deed from said Mitchell Gibson et ux to said Jerry A. Fann of date April 3, 1971."*

**SECTION 2.** This Act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 25, 1971.

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