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Change of Boundary Lines

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Private Acts of 1857-58 Chapter 129

COMPILER'S NOTE: The first seven Sections of this Act did not concern Putnam County and are not reprinted herein.

SECTION 8. That the county line between the counties of DeKalb and Putnam, be so changed as to run as follows, to wit: Beginning on the line between said counties, on the top of a large ridge, near Gordon Maxwell's; running with said ridge, a north-west direction, to the Caney Fork river below Joseph Mitchell's; thence up said river to the old line; and that the territory and citizens in said amended boundary be attached to the 16th Civil District of DeKalb county; and that said citizens have all the rights and privileges of other citizens of said county of DeKalb. That all the tax and revenue due from said citizens to the county of Putnam, for the year 1858, shall be paid to the revenue collector of Putnam county: Provided, the property of said persons, included in said portion detached from the county of Putnam and attached to the county of DeKalb, shall be given in to the revenue Commissioner, of the county of Putnam, for and during the term of five years from this time, and the tax thereon shall be assessed against them in the county of Putnam; and the tax collector for said county of Putnam shall have the right to collect the same.

SECTION 9. That this act shall take effect from its passage.

Passed: March 15, 1858

Private Acts of 1905 Chapter 538

SECTION 1. That the county line between Overton and Putnam Counties be changed as follows:

Beginning with a post oak in A. P. Warren's west boundary line; thence east with said line seventy poles to a white oak in Ben Mason's west boundary line; thence north eighty poles with said line to a white oak in B. L. Loften's south boundary line; thence west with said line and P. M. Greenwood's south boundary line seventy poles to a stone in G.W. Roberts' east boundary line; thence south with said line one hundred and forty poles to a stone, it being Roberts' southeast corner; thence west eighty poles with said Robert's line to Mill Creek; thence south eighty poles with said creek to a stake; thence southeast seventy poles with D. H. Maddux's north boundary line to stake; thence east seventy poles with said Maddux's north boundary line to a stone in A. P. Warren's west boundary line; thence north seventy poles with the said Warren's line to the beginning, detaching the above lands from Overton County and attaching to Putnam County.

Passed: April 14, 1905

Private Acts of 1915 Chapter 477

SECTION 1. That the County line between said Counties be changed as follows:

Beginning at a white oak and marked "X" on the North side of the Sam's Gap Road, and in the South boundary line of the 1000 acres lying in the Northeast corner of a 5000 acre tract granted by the State of Tennessee to Francis Church, July 14th, 1831, being Grant No. 2137, based on White County Entry No. 2032, said 1000 acres having been conveyed by said Francis Church to D. S. Bedford and more recently by H. C. Snodgrass, et al., to the Bon Air Coal, Land & Lumber Co., said white oak being a corner of Cumberland and White Counties, and running thence North 77" West to a rock where the West boundary line of said Grant No. 2137 crosses the line between Putnam and White Counties, as now located; giving to White County all the land lying South of said line as hereinbefore described, including about 340 acres now lying in the 4th Civil District of Putnam County and giving to Putnam County all of the land north of said line and Eastward to the West boundary line of Cumberland County, as now established, including about 360 acres now lying in the 13th Civil District of White County, being in the Northeast corner of said County.

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

Passed: May 14, 1915.

COMPILER'S NOTE: See Putnam County v. White County, 140 Tenn 19, 203 S.W. 334 (1918).

Private Acts of 1955 Chapter 414

SECTION 1. That the county line between Smith and Putnam Counties is hereby changed so as to take

from the Twelfth Civil District of Jackson County and place in the Eighteenth Civil District of Putnam County the following prescribed land:

A certain tract or parcel of land in the Twelfth Civil District of Jackson County, State of Tennessee, belonging to Jess Rogers bound and described as follows, on the north by the land of Haskel Billingsley, on the south by the land of Haskel Billingsley on the east by Rid McHenry and on the west by the A. W. Flatt land, and containing by estimation 50 acres and known as the B. A. Julian land.

A certain tract or parcel of land in the Twelfth Civil District of Jackson County, State of Tennessee, belonging to Jess Rogers and described as follows beginning on a beech tree near the creek on Rid McHenry's line, thence with said line to the A. W. Flatt corner, thence eastward with the said Flatt line to the B. A. Julian line, thence with said line to Rid McHenry's corner, thence with said McHenry's line to the creek, then with said creek to the beginning, containing 42 acres more or less. This is known as the Pink Pippin place.

A certain tract or parcel of land in the Twelfth Civil District of Jackson County, State of Tennessee as follows:

Beginning on a beech, James Goolsby's corner and running thence south 72 poles to a hickory and chestnut, thence north $8\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east 14 poles, thence north 72 degrees east 16 poles thence south $72\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east 12 poles thence south $62\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east 32 poles to a beech and ash pointers thence south 69 degrees east 8 poles thence south 46 degrees east 14 poles to a chestnut in the scantland line thence north 19 poles to a buckeye and red bud pointers, thence north $81\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east 18 poles to a buckeye stump James Goolsby's corner thence north 16 poles to the creek thence north 61 degrees west down the creek 77 poles to a beech near the bank of the creek thence north 12 degrees east 36 poles to five maples thence east 52 poles to a beech in the scantland line, thence north 62 poles to a linn and walnut thence west 80 poles to a sugar tree thence south 7 degrees west 20 poles to a sugar tree thence south 21 degrees west 14 poles to a beech, thence south 26 degrees west 16 poles to a sugar tree thence south 30 degrees west 20 poles to a walnut thence south 25 degrees west 10 poles to an elm thence to a beech the beginning corner.

Also an adjoining tract of land as follows beginning on a rock 2 poles south of the northeast corner of Goolsby's 25 acre tract of which this is a part and running $1\frac{1}{2}$ " west 11 poles to a stake in Martins Creek thence down the same south 70 degrees west 16 poles to a stake at the mouth of a branch thence north 22 degrees west 10 poles to a black walnut thence north 57 degrees east 8 poles to a hickory thence north 65 degrees east to the beginning.

Consisting of 142 acres and 97 square rods known as the Alvin V. Goolsby tract located about $11\frac{1}{2}$ miles southwest of Gainesboro, Tennessee, on the public road leading from Martins Creek to Bloomington Springs, Tennessee in the Twelfth Civil District.

Beginning on two black oaks down to the right of Ellison Goolsby's on a ridge at Ben Green's land, and running as follows: south $16\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 20 poles to a bunch of chestnuts; thence south 12 degrees east 18 poles to a bunch of chestnut stumps; thence south $27\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 20 poles to a stake near oak stump; thence south $14\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 20 poles to stake; thence south 36 degrees east 6 poles to an oak; thence south 39 degrees east $10\frac{2}{5}$ poles to a chestnut; thence south 26 degrees east $17\frac{1}{5}$ poles to a hickory; thence south 10 degrees east $6\frac{4}{5}$ poles to a little beech thence south 12 degrees east $24\frac{2}{5}$ poles to a stone corner at Clabbords Branch; thence south 49 degrees west $9\frac{1}{5}$ poles to stake in the edge of Martins Creek; thence up the said creek south $30\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east $20\frac{2}{5}$ poles to stake in edge of creek; thence south 56 degrees east $12\frac{2}{5}$ poles to stake at the edge of creek Jack Holloway's corner; thence south 40 degrees west $18\frac{2}{5}$ poles to stake; thence south 9 degrees east 12 poles to stake in wire fence; thence south $5\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west $7\frac{1}{5}$ poles to a stake near a sassafras; thence south 2 degrees east 9 poles to a dogwood on top of the hill near a maple; thence north $88\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west $31\frac{3}{5}$ poles to a stake; thence north 80 degrees west $10\frac{4}{5}$ poles to a stake at the top of the big falls; thence north 84 degrees west 21 poles to a hornbeam on the edge of the branch; thence down said branch north 28 degrees west $17\frac{4}{5}$ poles to a willow in the branch; thence south $61\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west $21\frac{1}{5}$ poles to a popular on top of the hill known as a corner; thence north 39 degrees west 22 poles to a poplar; thence north 31 degrees west 8 poles to a black walnut; thence north $53\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 11 poles to a popular; thence north 25 degrees west 10 poles to a maple; thence west $6\frac{3}{5}$ poles to an oak tree; thence south 78 degrees west 8 poles to a beech, thence south 80 degrees west $7\frac{2}{5}$ poles to a stake Jack Holloway's and Wade Walter corner; thence north 4 degrees east 27 poles down the wire fence to a stake; thence north $48\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west 7 poles to a stake at the edge of Martins Creek; thence north $43\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east 12 poles to stake at the mouth of the hollow where B.A. Julian lives; thence up the branch north $16\frac{1}{2}$ degrees west $8\frac{2}{5}$ poles to a stump; thence north 5 degrees west $8\frac{4}{5}$ poles to stake in the branch; thence north 11 degrees east $16\frac{4}{5}$ poles to a stake in the B. A. Julian Hollow; thence north $13\frac{1}{2}$ degrees east $7\frac{1}{5}$ poles to B. A. Julian's line; thence up the hill south 83 degrees east $9\frac{3}{5}$ poles to a black

walnut tree; thence south 86½ degrees east 12 poles to stake on top of the point; thence north 33 degrees east 8 poles to chestnut stump; thence north 10½ degrees east 8 poles to a black oak, thence north 14 degrees east 7 poles to a small chestnut; thence north 22½ degrees east 13 1/5 poles to a stake at the double white walnut; thence north 44 degrees east 19 poles to an oak stump thence north 46 degrees east 9 3/5 poles to a oak; thence north 40 degrees east 11 poles to a stake B. A. Julian and Alvin V. Goolsby's corner; in Ellison Goolsby's line; thence north 71 degrees east 10 poles to an ash; thence 45½ degrees east 20 poles to a stake in the edge of the road; thence south 74 degrees east 15 4/5 poles to a chestnut, Cowen Loftis corner; thence south 34½ degrees east 4 poles to a small chestnut at a large stump; thence south 1 degree west 7 3/5 poles to a stake; thence south 40½ degrees east 19 poles to the beginning containing 142 acres, 97 square rods.

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

Passed: March 18, 1955.

Private Acts of 1961 Chapter 220

SECTION 1. That the line between the Counties of Putnam and White be, and the same is hereby changed so that the county line between the counties of Putnam and White will be located in the following manner:

Starting at a point where the present Putnam County - White County line intersects Taylor's Creek at Fanchers Falls; thence down Taylor Creek with the meanders of the creek to the center of Falling Water River at the mouth of Taylor's Creek; thence up Falling Water River with the meanders of the River to Burgess Falls; thence from Burgess Falls southwardly to the Power House Road to a point of intersection with the present County line. There is excluded however, from the above described lands a tract of approximately one hundred fifty (150) acres, said lands being owned by the City of Cookeville and which are fully described in Chapter 698 of the Private Acts of 1925, all of which said lands shall remain and be a part of the County of Putnam.

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

Passed: March 8, 1961

Private Acts of 1961 Chapter 364

SECTION 1. That the line between the Counties of Overton and Putnam be, and the same is hereby changed so that the county line between the Counties of Overton and Putnam will be located in the following manner:

Starting at a point where the county line between Putnam and Overton Counties now intersects Paron Road; thence in an eastwardly direction along Paron Road to a point where the eastern boundary line of the lands of Carson Moore now intersects with Paron Road; thence in a southwardly direction a straight line to a point intersecting with the present county line between Putnam and Overton Counties so that the tract of land consisting of 2½ acres, being a triangular tract of land, belonging to Carson Moore, which formerly lay in Overton County will now be situated in the 15th District of Putnam County. It is the intent and meaning of this Act that the boundary line between Overton and Putnam Counties be so changed that the said lands of Carson Moore, formerly laying within Overton County shall become a part of the County of Putnam, and included therein as a part of the 15th District of said County.

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

Passed: March 17, 1961.

Private Acts of 1965 Chapter 113

SECTION 1. That the county line between Overton County, Tennessee, and Putnam County, Tennessee, is hereby changed by detaching the lands presently owned by Willard B. Presley and wife, Gilberta Presley from the First Civil District of Overton County, Tennessee, and attaching and making the same a part of the Fifteenth Civil District of Putnam County, Tennessee, which said lands presently lie within the First Civil District of Overton County, Tennessee, and are described as follows:

"Beginning on a stone (formerly a black oak tree) Paul Chilton (formerly Anne Breeding) southwest corner running thence sixteen (16) poles; to a small black oak; thence fifteen (15) poles to a sassafras, M. D. McCormick northwest corner (formerly Noah Stockton); thence south ten (10) degrees west with said McCormick's line twenty-one and one-half (21½) poles to four small sycamores on the bank of a branch; thence eastward nine and one-half (9½) poles with branch to a stone and sourwood pointer; thence south twenty-eight (28) degrees west forty-seven (47) poles to a small sycamore; thence south thirty-eight (38)

degrees east eighteen (18) poles to a black walnut: thence south forty-five (45) degrees west ninety-four (94) poles to a stone in Roach's line (formerly M. S. Harp line): thence southeast forty-one poles and ten (10) feet to Dow Burgess line (formerly Q. S. McClain line) thence south with said Burgess line fifty-three and one-eighth poles to the public road; thence west two-thirds of a pole to a stone; thence northwardly fifty-two and one-half (52½) poles to a stone; thence northwest two-thirds of a pole south of M. A. Stockton's line forty-one (41) poles to a stake; thence back ten (10) feet to the A. L. Holloway corner; thence north sixty-two and one-half degrees west twenty-three and one-half poles to a stone to Allen's corner (formerly M.S. Harp) with a dogwood pointer; thence north with Roach east boundary line (formerly Elias Byers) passing his corner at sixty poles in the same direction in all one hundred sixty-four poles to a stake in the mouth of the branch on the west side of Bear Creek; thence with the current of creek to near the south end of a bluff; thence south 10½ poles to a rock; thence east to the beginning containing seventy-one (71) acres more or less."

SECTION 2. That from and after its passage of this Act the above described lands of Willard B. Presley and wife, Gilberts Presley shall cease to be a part of Overton County, Tennessee, and shall be a part of and included within the Fifteenth Civil District of Putnam County, Tennessee, and the county line between said counties is hereby changed and altered accordingly.

SECTION 3. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 10, 1965.

Public Acts of 1972 Chapter 554

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in [Tennessee Code Annotated](#).

SECTION 1. The track of land now situated in the 2nd civil district of Cumberland County, hereunder described, is removed from Cumberland County into the 14th civil district of Putnam County, and the county line between Cumberland County and Putnam County at this place shall hereafter run with boundaries of said tract as to exclude said lands from Cumberland County and include the same in Putnam County. The tract of land is generally bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at United States Geological Survey Triangulation Station Putnam No. 2034; thence south 1,150 feet to the present county line between Cumberland and Putnam Counties; thence with Cumberland and Putnam County line north 85 degrees west, 2,000 feet to a point in the east right-of-way line of State Route No. 24; thence south with the east right-of-way line of State Route No. 24 to a point in the east right-of-way line 200 feet north of the point of intersection of the east right-of-way line of State Route No. 24 with the north right-of-way line of Interstate Route 40; thence 400 feet more or less in a westerly direction along a line perpendicular to the east right-of-way line of State Route No. 24 to a point in the north right-of-way line of Interstate Route 40; thence then in a northerly direction with the right-of-way line of Interstate Route 40 to the present county line between Cumberland and Putnam Counties; thence north 8 degrees east 11,250 feet more or less to a point; thence south 79 degrees east 650 feet to a point; thence south 4 degrees west 10,400 feet to a point in the Cumberland and Putnam County line; thence south 85 degrees east 1,500 feet to a point; thence north 1,150 feet to United States Geological Survey Triangulation Station Putnam No. 2034 the point of beginning.

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

Public Acts of 1987 Chapter 103

COMPILER'S NOTE: The following act is a public act of special application and is not codified in [Tennessee Code Annotated](#).

SECTION 1. The boundary line between the counties of Jackson and Putnam is hereby changed by detaching from the county of Jackson and attaching to the county of Putnam all of the following described territory:

A tract or parcel of land approximately 7.6 acres in size now lying in Jackson County which is owned by Hubert Bussell and Mable Bussell and which is identified as Map 96, Parcel 10 on the Tax Maps of Jackson County.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 8, 1987.

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