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Change of Boundary Lines

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Acts of 1851-52 Chapter 22

SECTION 1. That the above mentioned act is and that the same be hereby revived and re-enacted and in full force and effect, as if the same had not by its operation become repealed or extinct, with the following additional amendments and alterations.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The act being revived was Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 61, establishing Union County.

SEC. 2. That the boundary line of said county of Union, in and through the fraction taken from Knox County in forming the same, be that run and marked last by the commissioners named in the act this is intended to amend, with such alterations as the commissioners hereinafter appointed may think proper, and the same being legal under said act to make. And that the call for boundary in said act, calling from the top of the Log Mountains, north twenty-five east one hundred ninety-two poles to a sugar tree, near John Beeler's, being the true call.

SEC. 3. That in lieu of the commissioners appointed in the act which this is intended to amend, that the following persons be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to the duties that are required of the commissioners heretofore appointed; Isaac, C. Dyer, of Campbell county, William Neadham, of Claiborne county, John Bullard, of Grainger county, Hardin Scaggs, of Knox county, and James Turner, of Anderson county.

SEC. 4. That the court house and county town of Union county, be and the same is hereby located, and to be laid off and built under the direction of said commissioners in the Raccoon Valley, near Liberty Meeting House in said Valley, on a site offered to be ceded gratuitously of some twenty-three acres, and warranted by the Rev. Mark Munroe and others to said commissioners for the purpose of locating said town. That the same be laid out and built on the most convenient and eligible point of such cession, after the said commissioners taking to themselves and their successors in office added in fee simple, with general warranty from the present owners of such cession, and any other that may be offered by them or by them purchased at or near said site.

SEC. 5. That an act passed by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, on the 1st of February, 1850, entitled "an act requiring notice to be given for the formation of new counties," be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as it may conflict with the establishing of Union county, the citizens thereof having petitioned the legislature before the passage of said act.

SEC. 6. That if the new county of Union shall fail to organize against the first Saturday in March next, so that she may thereby fail to elect the necessary county officers, that the commissioners herein appointed, or such persons as they may designate, may at any time thereafter, said county may be organized, first giving twenty days' notice at the voting in every district in said county, open and hold elections for all necessary county officers.

SEC. 7. That it shall be necessary to open and hold an election in all the different fractions composing the county of Union, to ascertain the assent or dissent.

SEC. 8. That the northern boundary line of Union county be changed in the following manner: Leaving Powell's river eighty poles above Fullington's saw-mill; run thence a south west course to the head of a hollow near Thomas Brantly's; leaving said Brantly in Campbell county; thence down said hollow to Powell's river, below Quinton Sweat's, leaving said Sweat in Campbell county.

SEC. 9. That said Union county shall be constituted and formed according to the above provisions. Provided, No one of the old counties, from which a fraction is taken, shall be reduced below the number of square miles required by the constitution of the State.

SEC. 10. That any sheriff or revenue collectors who have gone out of office, or those now in office from all the counties from which fractions are taken off, for the formation of Union county, shall have two years, from and after the passage of this act, to collect any taxes which are now due and unpaid to said sheriffs, with as full power and authority as though no such county had been formed.

Passed, December 6, 1851.

Acts of 1853-54 Chapter 2

SECTION 1. That section second of an Act to establish the county of Union, passed January the third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, shall be so amended that the boundary line of said county shall be as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a sweet gum in the Knox county line at the end of the Clinch mountain, and

four chains south of Nance's Ferry road; thence running north thirty-eight east one mile and thirty-four poles to the top of a chain of Clinch mountain thence north twenty-five east one mile and forty-two poles to the top of a spur of said mountain thence north six west three quarters of a mile, crossing the main range of Clinch mountain thence north forty-five east along the side of the mountain, one mile, to a white oak on the top of a spur leading down the mountain opposite Wm. Donchurs; thence north, crossing Flat creek, two miles and twenty poles, to a beech on the bank of Dyer's branch; thence north ten west two hundred and twenty poles, to the top of Copper ridge; thence north one mile and three quarters, to the top of Lag mountains; thence twenty-five east one hundred and ninety-two poles, to a sugar tree near John Beeler's; thence north eighty east one hundred poles, to a stake near John Woolfinberger's house; thence north eighteen east, five miles and eight poles, to Clinch river, three quarters of a mile above Copp's ford; thence down the south bank of said river, as it meanders, five miles and a quarter, to a large double sycamore below Dodson's island; thence north twenty-five west, crossing Clinch river, one hundred and eighty-two poles, to a white oak, four poles north of the Big Valley road; thence north thirty-five west, five miles, to Powell's river, at a Spanish oak forty poles below the mouth of Camp creek; thence down the meanders of said river to a point twelve miles from Jacksborough, at a spring near John Craig, jr.'s house on Powell's river, as run and marked by A. W. Armstrong; thence with the line as run and marked by said Armstrong, to Clinch river; thence crossing the river in the same direction to the south bank of said river; thence down the meanders of the river, to Henderson & Co's. survey, two miles above the mouth of Powell's river; thence with the line of Henderson & Co. south fortyfive east, half a mile, to a white oak in said line; thence south thirty-eight east, four miles and one hundred and ten poles, to Byron's fork on Hynds' creek, four poles above a large white oak; thence a direct line to the top of the Chestnut or Hynds' ridge, the Knox county line, as run and marked by said Armstrong; thence with the Knox county line on the top of the ridge, to the road crossing from Martin Gentry's to Knoxville; thence south thirty-five east, two miles, crossing Raccoon Valley road and Bull Run creek, to a stake near Marvel Hill's house; thence south seventy-five east, about two miles, to a point where the said Armstrong departed from the line as run and marked by Daniel B. Capps; thence with the line as run and marked by said A. W. Armstrong; thence north seventy-eight east, to the end of Clinch mountain, along a line as run and marked by the Commissioners of Union county, to the Knox county line; thence with said line to the beginning.

SEC. 2. That the line herein designated, is hereby declared to be the established line of Union county, and that the commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to proceed at once to organize said county, according to so much of the provisions of the acts to establish Union county as are not inconsistent with this act.

SEC. 3. That the Circuit Court of said county, shall be held on the first Mondays after the fourth Mondays of January, May and September, and shall be held at the place specified in the 6th section of an act entitled "an act to establish the county of Union," passed January 3d, 1850; Provided, it shall be lawful for the Judge holding said Court, to hold the same at Liberty Meeting House, if he thinks it best to do so, until a Court house shall be provided at the seat of justice.
Passed Nov. 21, 1853.

Acts of 1855-56 Chapter 165

SECTION 1. That the County line of Union County, designated and established in section one, chapter two, of the act of 1853, be, and the same is hereby, altered as follows:-- Beginning on a poplar marked "D," on the top of Chestnut Ridge, where the line runs by Armstrong intersects the dividing line between Knox and Anderson; then running south fifty-six degrees, east one mile and one hundred and twenty poles to Bull Run Creek; then north three eighths of a mile, passing Levi George's, leaving him in Knox County; then south, forty-five degrees, east to Bull Run Creek; then down the creek to a point where it is intersected by the line running south, fifty-six degrees east; then south seventy degrees, east including Joseph McHaffee, in Union County, one and a half miles to the road leading from C. B. Hansard's to Knoxville; then north forty-five degrees, east one mile and three-eighths to a stake on the north side of Bull Run Creek, in Parrick George's farm; then north seventy-five degrees, east two miles to a white oak, about forty poles north of David Hawkins', leaving him in Knox County; then south fortyfive degrees east seven-eighths of a mile to a stake on the top of a spur; then south seventy degrees, east three-fourths of a mile to an oak in a field on the top of Copper Ridge; then by the shortest course to the line known as the Big Survey Line; then following the said line to the line of Grainger County, so as to include C. Cox, Edward West, Jacob Mittenberger, and John Cox, but no other person, on the south side of Copper Ridge; then with the line of Grainger County to the line of Union county; and the said County is declared to be organized with the boundary designated in the act of 1853, chapter two, section one, except the alteration herein made.

SEC. 2. That the proceedings of the County Court, and the official acts of the several County officers of

Union County are hereby declared to be legal and valid, to the same extent as similar proceedings and official acts of the County Courts and County officers of other Counties under previously existing laws.

SEC. 3. That the several County officers of said County, and their official securities shall be held liable upon the respective official bonds for official misconduct, or default for all revenues, taxes, or privileges, and for registration of deeds and other moneys in the same manner, and to the same extent, as similar officers in other Counties under existing laws.

SEC. 4. That the several Justices of the Peace resident within the limits of Union County, elected and commissioned, as Justices from either of the Counties from which the said County of Union was composed, are hereby declared to be Justices of the Peace for Union County in their respective civil districts, and they shall continue in office as such Justices of said County until the expiration of their respective official commissions, except in cases of removal, resignation, or death; and the present County officers shall hold and exercise the functions of their respective offices until the next regular election, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

SEC. 6. This section did not apply to Union County.

Passed: January 23, 1856.

Acts of 1865-66 Chapter 76

SEC. 1. That the County line between the Counties of Union and Knox be so changed as to run as follows: Beginning on a stone where the County line crosses the Knoxville Road leading to Maynardville by way of Milan Church, running direct to the point of Clinch Mountain near the house of Nels. Mynette; Provided, however, that the persons hereby attached to Union County shall be required, as heretofore, to pay their share of the taxes levied by the County Court of Knox County until the entire indebtedness already incurred by Knox County for Railroad purposes, shall be paid, and the Tax Collector of Knox County shall collect said tax from the people, who, by this act, are attached to Union County, and said Tax Collector shall account for and pay over to the Trustee of Knox County all monies so collected by him, according to the laws now in force.

SEC. 2. That E. Longmire be, and he is hereby, appointed to run and plainly mark the above named line.

SEC. 3. This section did not apply to Union County.

SEC. 4. This section did not apply to Union County. Passed: April 26, 1866.

Public Acts of 1873 Chapter 70

SECTION 1. That the County line between the Counties of Union and Grainger, be so changed, that all citizens of Grainger County, designated by the following boundary, be and they are hereby attached to Union County, to-wit: Beginning on the corner between Union and Grainger Counties, thence east so as to include Pryor Dyer's farm in Union County; thence with the lines of Union County to a white oak corner between James Dyer and E. W. Popejoy and J. J. Sellers; thence east 89 poles to a rock corner between J. J. Sellers and E. W. Popejoy; thence due north to Clinch river.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to include any livers in Union County except J. W. Sellers, Pryor Dyer, James Vitetoe and E. D. Hill, the petitioners for the change mentioned in the preceding section, nor to reduce Grainger County below its constitutional limit, nor bring the line thus designated nearer the Court House of Grainger County than eleven miles.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed March 21, 1873.

Private Acts of 1925 Chapter 462

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Union and Knox be changed as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Manuel Merritt's line and the Knox County line; and Union County line thence northward with Manuel Merritt's line to the north corner of Charles T. Booker land; thence eastward with Chas. T. Booker line to Big Flat Creek; thence southward with the creek to the Knox County line.

SEC. 2. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed April 2, 1925.

Private Acts of 1951 Chapter 52

SECTION 1. That the boundary line between the Counties of Claiborne and Union be and the same is hereby changed, by detaching from the Third Civil District of Claiborne County the following described tracts of land to wit: 24.4 acres owned by James H. Harness, and bounded on the north by Elbert B. Shelby; on the east by Sharps Chapel Road; on the South by T.V.A. land; and on the west by other land owned by the said James A. Harness; 14 acres owned by Wm. A. Brogan, and bounded on the south and west by Sharps Chapel Road; on the north by Stiner Road; and on the east by other land owned by the said Wm. A. Brogan; and approximately 50 acres owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and being all to the T.V.A. land that lies between the Sharps Chapel Road and the Norris Lake, and bounded as follows: On the north by Sharps Chapel Road; on the east by Elbert B. Shelby, James A. Harness and the Sharps Chapel Road; on the west by present County line and Norris Lake; and on the south by Norris Lake, and attaching said tracts to the Sixth Civil District of Union County.

SEC. 2. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed: January 25, 1951.

Private Acts of 1965 Chapter 156

SECTION 1. That the boundary line between the counties of Claiborne and Union is changed by detaching the following described tracts of land from Claiborne County and attaching the same to Union County: BEGINNING at and on a point where the Union County-Claiborne County line crosses the TV straight line eastwardly designated as the Union County-Claiborne County line, a southward direction to a point where the said Union County-Claiborne County line crosses the contour (TVA) 1044 line; thence following the TVA Contour line 1044, a northerly direction approximately 400 feet to the BEGINNING point, and containing three-fourths of an acre, more or less.

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BEGINNING at a metal marker in the 1044 contour on the northeast shore of the Little Barren C boundary bears S. 55° 55' E. at a distance of 23 feet; thence with the 1044-foot contour as it meanders in a north-westerly direction to a metal marker on the southwest side of a road; thence leaving the contour and with a line marked by the United States of America's boundary N. 12° 55' W., 42 feet to a point immediately east of a junction of roads; thence with the United States of America's boundary S. 55° 55' E., 140 feet to the point of BEGINNING and containing 0.1 acre, more or less. Reference to the above described tracts is recorded in Book of Deeds "K", Vol. 3, pages 183-85 Register of Deeds Office, Union County, Tennessee, by United States of America, TVA, to W. H. Shelby.

SECTION 2. That this Act shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Passed: March 8, 1965.

Private Acts of 1982 Chapter 666

SECTION 1. The county boundaries between Knox County and Union County shall be revised so as to include within Union County all of the territory described as follows: SITUATED in Sixth Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee and Sixth Civil District of Union BEGINNING on a stone in Needham's line at the Sulphur Spring Branch, running thence westwardly with Needham's, Hansard Chapel Church Lot, and J. N. Yadon's line to a stone at Highway No. 33; thence southwardly with Highway No. 33 to a stone at said Highway; thence southeastwardly about 67 poles to a stone between A. J. Cox and this tract; thence southwardly about 25 poles to a stone in A. J. Cox's line; thence southeastwardly with a conditional line made by Mynatt and Tolson to a stone on top of Dark Hollow Ridge; thence eastwardly with the range of the top of the ridge a marked line to Sulphur Spring Branch, at a rock, John Hansard's corner (now Jess Welch); thence northwardly down the middle of the branch as it meanders to the beginning. Containing 85 more or less, and being the same property conveyed to Edgar L. Bayless and wi Deeds for Union County and Knox County, Tennessee, respectively.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. PASSED: March 22, 1982

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