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Change of Boundary Lines

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Acts of 1801 Chapter 48

COMPILER'S NOTE: This Act annexed part of Wilson County to Smith County and then created Jackson County with those initial organization this Act is concerned. Section 1 gives the boundaries of the enlarged Smith County.

SECTION 1. That the bounds of Smith County shall be as follows, viz.: Beginning one mile due west of the southeast corner of Sumner County, on the south bank of Cumberland river, thence south, twenty-three degrees east, to the Indian boundary, thence along the same until it intersects the Caney Fork road thence along the dividing ridge between Martin's Creek and Flinn's Creek to the river, thence up the river one half mile above the ferry landing at Fork Blount, thence a due north course until it strikes the state line, thence west along the state line, to the corner of Sumner county, thence south along the Sumner line to the river, thence down the same to the beginning.

Passed: November 6, 1801.

Acts of 1801 Chapter 49

SECTION 1. That the bounds of Wilson County shall be as follows, viz: Beginning on the south bank of Cumberland river, at the mouth of Drake's lick branch, it being the upper corner of Davidson County, running from thence up the said river, with the middle of the channel of the same, to Smith County line, thence south, twenty-three degrees east, along the said Smith line, to the Indian boundary line, thence westwardly with said Indian line, to Davidson County line, thence northwardly along said Davidson County line to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That Christopher Cooper, Dr. Alanson Trigg, Matthew Figures, John Harpole, and John Doak, esquire, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, who, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority, and are hereby authorized and empowered to fix on a place the most central and convenient in the aforesaid County of Wilson, and to purchase forty acres of land having special regard to good water, and situation for purpose of erecting a court house, prison and stocks thereon, and it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of said county, as soon as may be, to notify said commissioners to attend at the next succeeding court of said county after such notification, and the said commissioners shall give bond with sufficient security in the sum of five hundred dollars each, payable to the Chairman of the Court of said county, and his successors in office, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties enjoined on them by this act.

SECTION 3. That the aforesaid commissioners or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and required as soon as may be, after agreeing on the place on which the courthouse, prison, and stocks shall be erected in the said County of Wilson, to agree and contract with suitable workmen to erect and build the same, for the use and benefit of said county, on the best terms which can be obtained for the accomplishment thereof.

SECTION 4. That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, as soon as may be, after purchasing the aforesaid forty acres of land, shall take a deed or deeds of conveyance for the same, in their own names as commissioners, in trust for the county aforesaid, which shall be good and valid in law, and shall vest in them and their successors in office, a full and complete title for the uses in this act expressed, and they shall cause a town to be laid off thereon to be called and known by the name of Lebanon, for county purposes, reserving one acre near the center thereof, on which shall be erected the courthouse, prison, and stocks aforesaid, which one acre, in the plan of said town, shall be denominated the public square; and the commissioners shall sell the lots of said town at public sale, giving six months credit, and thirty days previous notice of such sale by advertising at four or more of the most public places in said county, taking bond with sufficient security for the payment of the purchase money, to themselves and their successors in office; and the same commissioners or a majority of them are hereby authorized to execute in due form of law, deeds of conveyance in fee simple for the same, to the purchasers which shall be good and valid in law to all intents and purposes.

SECTION 5. That the monies arising from the sale of the aforesaid lots, shall be applied to the payment of the building of the aforesaid courthouse, prison and stocks; and the said commissioners are authorized to cause the said courthouse to contain two convenient jury rooms, and the prison to consist of two apartments at least.

SECTION 6. That the court of said County of Wilson shall have power to lay a tax; provided, five of the acting justices of said county be present when the taxes are laid, which tax shall not exceed twelve and a half cents of each hundred acres of land, nor twenty-five cents on each town lot, nor slave between the age of twelve and fifty years, nor twelve and a half cents on each free poll between the age of twenty-one and fifty years, nor one dollar on each stud horse kept for covering mares, and not exceeding five dollars on each billboard table, the said tax to be continued from year to year until a sufficient sum be collected for the purposes aforesaid, to be collected and accounted for by the sheriff or collector of the aforesaid county, and paid to the said commissioners at the same time, and in the same manner, and under the like penalties and restrictions as are or may be directed, for collecting, accounting for, and paying public taxes, which said monies so arising shall be appropriated to carrying this act into effect.

SECTION 7. That the commissioners aforesaid shall have full power to elect a suitable person or persons to fill any vacancies that may happen in their own body, by death, resignation, or otherwise.

SECTION 8. That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, as soon as the said buildings are completed, shall lay before the court of said county, a fair and just statement of the costs and expenditures of said purchase and buildings, together with their disbursements and receipts, and they shall be allowed a reasonable compensation for their services by the said court; provided, that five of the acting justices of said county be present when such allowance is made.

SECTION 9. That all laws or parts of laws that come within the purview and meaning of this act are hereby repealed and made void, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed: November 13, 1801.

Acts of 1803 Chapter 74

Whereas at the last general assembly of this State, a considerable part of Wilson County was annexed to Davidson County; in consequence thereof, the said county of Wilson was deprived of its constitutional limits; for remedy whereof

SECTION 1. That the bounds of Wilson county in future shall be as follows to wit:

Beginning one mile due south of the now south west corner of Wilson County; thence south sixty one and an half degrees east to the Indian boundary line; thence north east along the said Indian boundary line, to a point, from which north twenty three degrees west will intersect the Cumberland river, opposite the southeast corner of Sumner county; thence down the middle of the channel of said river to a point on the south bank of said river; from which a line running south twenty five degrees east will leave Thomas Watson's dwelling house sixty poles west of said line; continuing the same line south twenty five degrees east to a point that a line running south sixty one and a half degrees east will strike the beginning.

SECTION 2. That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the sheriffs of Davidson and Smith counties from collecting all taxes or arrearages which may be due within the limits so added to Wilson county, in as full and ample a manner as if this act had not been passed.

SECTION 3. That William Minor Quesenbury, be and he is hereby appointed commissioner to run and mark the lines which divides Wilson county from Davidson county, Rutherford county and Smith county; and he shall be allowed the sum of two dollars for each and every day he may be necessarily engaged in running said lines, and he is hereby authorized to employ two chain carriers and one marker who shall receive one dollar for each and every day they may be necessarily engaged in said business, to be paid by the treasurer of the county of Wilson out of any county money; whose receipts shall be good in the settlement of the accounts of said treasurer.

SECTION 4. That all laws coming with the purview of this act be and they are hereby repealed.

Passed: October 25, 1803.

Acts of 1815 Chapter 184

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this act, the dividing line between the counties of Wilson and Rutherford shall be as follows: Beginning two and an half miles north of the south west corner of Warren county on the dividing line between the said counties of Wilson and Warren, on the ridge that divides the waters of Stones' river and those of the Cumberland, thence with the top of said ridge so as to include William Ray's present place of residence, Charles Porterfield's old place, and the plantation whereon Captain John McKnight formerly lived, thence due west to the now dividing line between the said counties of Wilson and Rutherford.

SECTION 2. That all that part of the county of Wilson lying south of the said line shall be and is hereby annexed to the county of Rutherford, provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to

prevent the sheriff of Wilson county, or the collector of the fourth collection district of Tennessee, from collecting any arrearages of taxes which may be due to the county of Wilson or to the United States within the before described bounds.

SECTION 3. That Jesse Brashear is hereby appointed to run and plainly mark the said dividing line as described in the first section of this act, for which he shall be entitled to two dollars per day for each day he may be necessarily engaged therein, which shall be paid by the persons residing within the limits of the territory hereby annexed to the county of Rutherford.

Passed: October 30, 1815.

Acts of 1837-38 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 Saunders' Fork, and Smiths Fork, to the mouth of Saunder's Fork, thence with Smith's Fork meanders so 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 concerned Franklin and Coffee Counties and is not included herein.

Passed: January 13, 1838.

Acts of 1841-42 Chapter 90

That the following alteration is hereby made in the lines between the counties of Wilson, Cannon and DeKalb counties: That is to say, beginning at or near the Widow Black's, on the Rutherford county line, running with the top of a ridge so as to include Samuel Greer in Cannon county, thence with the dividing ridge that divides the waters of Smith's Fork from Sander's Fork, so as to include John Sneed in the county of Cannon, thence down Smith's Fork to the DeKalb county line, thence with said line to the line of Cannon county, and the line so run is hereby established as the same between said counties: Provided, said alteration of the foregoing lines shall not reduce the county of Wilson below the constitutional limits in regard to territory.

Passed: February 3, 1842.

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.

Public Acts of 1972 Chapter 572

COMPILER'S NOTE: This Act is special legislation that does not appear in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between the counties of Davidson and Wilson is changed so as to detach from Davidson County and attach to Wilson County the following described area: Beginning at the point of intersection of the present Wilson-Davidson County line (as projected on the United States Geological Survey Maps) with the farm property of Jack and Mary Kershaw on Old Hickory Lake in Wilson and Davidson Counties, thence following the northern boundary of said property north 82 degrees west 762 feet plus or minus to a point in the western margin of Rebel Road, thence with the property line north 1 degree west 874 feet to a point, thence with the property line north 44 degrees 48 feet east 59 feet, thence with the property line north 65 degrees 30 feet west 30.5 feet, thence with the property line South 74 degrees 45 feet west 614 feet to a point, thence with the property line north 1 degrees 45 feet west 648.6 feet, thence with the property line south 75 degrees 30 feet east 385.4 feet to a point in the east margin of Rebel Road, thence "following said margin of said road in a north-westerly direction 147 feet to its intersection with the south margin of Bedford Forrest Court; thence with the said margin 175 feet to a point; thence crossing said Court 50 feet in a northerly direction to a point in the north margin of said Court; thence in a northerly direction 260.9 feet to a point in the U. S. Government take line of Old Hickory Lake."

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

Passed: March 23, 1972.

Public Acts of 1972 Chapter 853

COMPILER'S NOTE: This Act is special legislation that does not appear in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between the counties of Davidson and Wilson is changed so as to detach from Davidson County and attach to Wilson County the following described areas:

Beginning approximately 115 feet East of a U. S. Corps of Engineers concrete monument in the center line of an old county road; thence running with said centerline South 82 degrees 26 minutes East 603 feet more or less to a point; thence continuing with said centerline South 82 degrees 43 minutes East 923 feet more or less to a point; thence leaving said centerline South 11 degrees 15 minutes West 515 feet more or less to an iron pin in the North boundary of the Bob Bass, Trustee property; thence running with said property North 71 degrees 27.06 minutes West 603.50 feet to an iron pin; thence South 88 degrees 18.08 minutes West 226.15 feet to an iron pin; thence North 78 degrees 20 minutes West 216.45 feet to an iron pin; thence South 10 degrees 59 minutes West 293.50 feet to a U. S. Corps of Engineers concrete monument; thence leaving said Bass property and running with the U. S. Corps of Engineers Take Line North 50 degrees 23 minutes West 663.14 feet to a Corps of Engineers concrete monument; thence North 9 degrees 11 minutes West 390.50 feet to the beginning and containing 16.75 acres, more or less.

Beginning at a U. S. Corps of Engineers concrete monument at the Northwest corner of the Wirt L. Bennett property; thence North 45 degrees, 0 minutes East 416.82 feet along the Corps of Engineers Take line to a concrete monument by others; thence continuing along said line North 23 degrees, 42 minutes West 418.38 feet to a concrete monument by others; thence leaving said line and running with the Harvey Thomas property North 10 degrees, 59 minutes East 293.50 feet to an iron pin; thence continuing along the Harvey Thomas property South 78 degrees 20 minutes east 216.45 feet to an iron pin; North 88 degrees 18.08 minutes East 226.15 feet to an iron pin; South 71 degrees 27.06 minutes East 485.90 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving said line and running with a 50 foot roadway for continuation within the boundaries of Shenandoah Subdivision South 11 degrees 15 minutes West 905.65 Feet to an iron pin in the North Boundary of the Wirt L. Bennett property; thence running with said boundary North 82 degrees 31.43 minutes West 554.02 feet to an iron pin; thence North 82 degrees 55.40 minutes West 357.92 feet to the beginning and containing 18.39 acres, more or less.

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

Passed: April 14, 1972.

Public Acts of 1981 Chapter 268

COMPILER'S NOTE: This Act is a special legislation that does not appear in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between the counties of Trousdale and Wilson is hereby changed by detaching from the county of Wilson and attaching to the county of Trousdale, all of the hereinafter

described territory, to-wit:

The tracts or parcels as shown in Wilson County Tax Map No. 19 as being Parcel #20 which consists of 13 acres and Parcel #21 which consists of 40 acres. Such parcels begin at the point of intersection of the Trousdale County-Wilson County line and the westerly margin of that road shown on Wilson County Tax Map No. 19 as Bellwood Road and thence proceeding southerly along the westerly margin of the said Bellwood Road to a point in the said Parcel #21 and Parcel #22 on the said tax map and thence in an easterly direction along the boundary between Parcel #21 and Parcel #22 to the point of intersection of the said boundary line with the presently existing Wilson County-Trousdale County boundary line.

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

Passed: April 27, 1981.

Public Acts of 2013 Chapter 399

COMPILER'S NOTE: This Act is a special legislation that does not appear in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between Davidson County and Wilson County shall be revised so as to include within Wilson County all of the territory described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the current Davidson County and Wilson County line, as appears on the recorded subdivision plat of Hickory Hills, Phase 3, Section C, said point also being on the northerly line of Lot 244; thence (clockwise) with the county line, as appears on said subdivision plat, S 23°00' E, more or less, a distance of 935', more or less, to a point on the southern boundary of said subdivision, said point being on the northerly line of property now or formerly owned by Eva Richardson, Book 7213, Page 133, R.O.D.C.; thence with said line N 81°02'51" W a distance of 180', more or less, to a point; thence N 82°25'23" W along the line of property now or formerly owned by H.H. Richardson, et al., Book 4159, Page 427, R.O.D.C., a distance of 296.53' to a point; thence N 5°28'09" E a distance of 87.25' to a point; thence N 6°04'33" E a distance of 206.31' to a point; thence N 6°38'38" E a distance of 379.95' to a point; thence N 5°40'05" E a distance of 130.14' to a point, said point also being the northwest corner of aforementioned Lot 244; thence, with the north line of said lot, N 8r23'58" E a distance of 28', more or less, to the point of beginning. Such area consisting of approximately 4.65 acres.

SECTION 2. The boundary line between Davidson County and Wilson County shall be further revised so as to include within Wilson County all of the territory described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the current Davidson County and Wilson County line north of Stewarts Ferry Pike being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 518-1; thence (counterclockwise) in a northwesterly direction 655.98' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 518-2; thence in a southeasterly direction 471.94' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 518-3; thence in a southwesterly direction 1132.13' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 518-4; thence in a northwesterly direction 457.47' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 518-5; thence in a southeasterly direction 1,338.13' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 518-6; thence in a southwesterly direction 856.26' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 518-7; thence continuing in a southwesterly direction 612.14' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 518- 8; thence in a southeasterly direction 1046.24' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 611-1; thence continuing in a southeasterly direction 299.99' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 611-2; thence in a northeasterly direction 730.33' to a point being marked by United States Army Corps of Engineers monument number 612-A and further being the current Davidson County and Wilson County line; thence following the current county line to the point of beginning.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 14, 2013.

Public Acts of 2021 Chapter 588

COMPILER'S NOTE: This Act is a special legislation that does not appear in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between Davidson County and Wilson County is revised so as to include within Wilson County all of the territory described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin found on the Wilson/Davidson county line NAO 83 coordinates for said pin (N: 694,963.0618, E: 1,793,348.2673) in the

westerly right-of-way of General Kershaw Drive also being the southeastern corner of this herein described parcel of land in Davidson County, Tennessee; thence leaving said right-of-way N 72°24'33" W 340.16 feet to a concrete monument found NAO 83 coordinates for said monument (N: 695,065.8644, E: 1,793,024.0112); thence with the proposed county line for the next six calls: thence N 41°51'40" E 108.20 feet to an iron pipe found NAO 83 coordinates for said pipe (N: 695,146.4450, E: 1,793,096.2130); thence N 18°44'19" E 44.00 feet to an iron pin set NAO 83 coordinates for said pin (N: 695,188.1128, E: 1,793,110.3480); thence N 18°44'19" E 98.27 feet to an iron pin set NAO 83 coordinates for said pin (N: 695,281.1754, E: 1,793,141.9176); thence S 47°29'40" E 277.01 feet to an iron pin set NAO 83 coordinates for said pin (N: 695,094.0074, E: 1,793,346.1356) in the westerly margin of General Kershaw Drive; thence with said right-of-way, S 00°51 '08" E 30.00 feet to an iron pin found NAO 83 coordinates for said pin (N: 695,064.0107, E: 1,793,346.5818); thence with said right-of-way, S 00°57'24" E 100.96 feet to the point of beginning; containing 15,972.38 square feet or 0.37 acres more or less.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: May 27, 2021.

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