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The following is a listing of acts for Blount County which affected the elective process, but which have been superseded or repealed. They are listed here for historical and reference purposes. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1803, Chapter 24, divided the state into districts for the election of presidential electors. The counties of Knox, Sevier, Blount, Roane and Anderson, were placed in the third district and the polls for the election of the one elector from this district were to be compared at the courthouse in Knoxville.
2. Acts of 1805, Chapter 64, placed Blount and Sevier counties in the same state senatorial district and provided that the polls for this election were to be compared at the home of Joseph Vance. This act also provided that Blount County was to elect one representative to the state legislature.
3. Acts of 1807, Chapter 74, provided that the state was to be divided into five electoral districts and that Blount, along with Knox, Anderson, Roane, Rhea and a part of Campbell counties were to form the third district and elect one elector.
4. Acts of 1812, Chapter 5, Second Session, divided the state into eight electoral districts, with Blount once again in the third district, along with Knox, Roane, Campbell and Anderson.
5. Acts of 1812, Chapter 27, Second Session, apportioned the state into six congressional districts, with Jefferson, Grainger, Claiborne, Knox, Sevier, Blount and Cocke composing the second district.
6. Acts of 1812, Chapter 57, Second Session, divided the state into twenty state senatorial districts and forty representative districts. Blount, along with Sevier County was placed in the same senatorial district, with the polls to be compared at the home of Joseph Vance, Esquire, in Sevier County. Blount County was to elect one representative to the state legislature.
7. Acts of 1815, Chapter 77, authorized a separate election in Blount County at the home of Richard Dearman of Morganton in any election for governor, congress, presidential electors, state legislators, or field officers of the militia. The effect of this act was to establish a second precinct in Blount County, one at the courthouse in Maryville and one at Morganton.
8. Public Acts of 1819, Chapter 69, apportioned the representation of the state. The counties of Blount, Cocke, Sevier and Monroe composed one election district and elected one senator. In addition, Blount and Monroe counties elected one representative.
9. Public Acts of 1822, Second Session, Chapter 1, divided the state into districts for the election of representatives to the United States Congress. The second district was composed of the counties of Blount, Grainger, Claiborne, Cocke, Jefferson, Knox and Sevier.
10. Public Acts of 1823, Chapter 47, divided the state into eleven electoral districts for the purpose of electing electors of a president and vice president of the United States. The counties of Blount, Knox, Anderson, Morgan and Roane composed the third electoral district and elected one elector.
11. Public Acts of 1824, Chapter 1, divided the state into eleven electoral districts for the purpose of electing electors of a president and vice president of the United States. The counties of Blount, Knox, Anderson, Morgan and Roane composed the third electoral district and elected one elector.
12. Public Acts of 1826, Chapter 3, apportioned the representation of the state senate. The counties of Blount, Monroe and McMinn composed one election district and elected one senator.
13. Public Acts of 1827, Chapter 17, divided the state into eleven electoral districts for the purpose of electing electors of a president and vice president of the United States. The counties of Blount, Knox, Anderson, Morgan and Roane composed the third district and elected one elector.
14. Public Acts of 1832, Chapter 4, divided the state into districts for the election of representatives to the United States Congress. The counties of Blount, Anderson, Knox, Sevier and Monroe composed the third district.
15. Public Acts of 1832, Chapter 9, prescribed the mode of choosing electors to vote for president and vice president of the United States. The state was divided into fifteen districts. The counties of Blount, Cocke, Sevier and Monroe composed the third districts.
16. Public Acts of 1833, Chapter 57, directed that all elections hereafter held in Blount County for senators and representatives to the general assembly of the state, for members or delegates to the convention, members to congress, governor of the state and electors of president of the

- United States, be held and conducted according to the provisions of the act passed on January 13th, 1830, entitled an act to prescribe the manner of holding elections to elect members of the general assembly, members to congress, and electors to the United States.
17. Public Acts of 1833, Chapter 71, divided the state into representative and senatorial districts. The counties of Blount, Sevier, Monroe and McMinn composed one election district and elected one senator. In addition, Blount and Sevier composed one election district and elected one representative.
 18. Public Acts of 1835-36, Chapter 39, prescribed the mode of choosing electors to vote for president and vice president of the United States. The state was divided into fifteen electoral districts with the counties of Blount, Cocke and Monroe composing the third electoral district.
 19. Private Acts of 1835-36, Chapter 57, established a voting precinct in Cade's Cove and another precinct in Tuckaleechy Cove, in addition to those already in existence.
 20. Acts of 1842, Second Session, Chapter 1, provided that Cocke, Sevier, and Blount counties were to elect one state senator, with the polls compared at the courthouse in Sevierville. Blount was to elect one representative to the state legislature.
 21. Acts of 1842, Second Session, Chapter 7, placed Blount in the second congressional district, along with Grainger, Jefferson, Claiborne, Campbell, Anderson, Morgan, Sevier and Monroe counties.
 22. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 196, divided the state into congressional districts. The counties of Blount, Monroe, Polk, McMinn, Meigs, Rhea, Bledsoe, Bradley, Hamilton, Marion and Roane composed the third congressional district.
 23. Acts of 1851-52, Chapter 197, divided the state into representative and senatorial districts to apportion the representation in the general assembly of the state. Blount County elected one representative and placed in a senatorial district along with Greene, Cocke and Sevier counties.
 24. Public Acts of 1871, Chapter 146, divided the state into representative and senatorial districts to apportion the representation in the general assembly of the state. Blount County elected one representative and composed the third senatorial district along with Cocke, Jefferson and Sevier counties.
 25. Public Acts of 1873, Chapter 27, divided the state into congressional districts. Blount County was placed in the second congressional district.
 26. Public Acts of 1881, Chapter 6, Extra Session, divided the state into representative and senatorial districts to apportion the representation in the general assembly of the state. Blount County elected one representative and was placed in the sixth senatorial district along with Monroe, Loudon and Roane counties.
 27. Public Acts of 1891, Chapter 131, divided the state into congressional districts. The counties of Blount, Jefferson, Union, Sevier, Knox, Loudon, Roane, Anderson, Morgan, Campbell and Scott formed the second congressional district.
 28. Acts of 1891, Chapter 10, Extra Session, divided the state into representative and senatorial districts to apportion the representation in the general assembly of the state. Blount County elected one representative and was placed in the sixth senatorial district along with Anderson, Meigs Loudon and Roane counties.
 29. Public Acts of 1882, Chapter 27, divided the state into congressional districts. The second congressional district was composed of the counties of Blount, Jefferson, Union, Sevier, Knox, Loudon, Roane, Anderson, Morgan, Campbell and Scott.
 30. Public Acts of 1901, Chapter 109, divided the state into congressional districts. The counties of Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Blount, Loudon, Roane, Scott, Anderson, Campbell and Union composed the second congressional district.
 31. Public Acts of 1901, Chapter 122, divided the state into representative and senatorial districts to apportion the representation in the general assembly of the state. Blount County was placed in the fourth senatorial district along with Cocke, Hamblen, Jefferson and Sevier counties. In addition, Blount County elected one representative.
 32. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 509, established a new civil district in Blount County, out of part of the original seventeenth district, but this act was repealed and the original seventeenth district reestablished by Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 241.
 33. Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 197, provided that voting precincts in Blount County where voting machines were used were to remain open until 7:00 P.M. on all election days.

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