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# Change of County Lines

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## Acts of 1807 Chapter 51

**SECTION 1.** That from and after the passing of this act, the county of Anderson shall be comprehended within the following bounds, to wit: Beginning on the Chestnut Ridge, where the Knox & Grainger county line formerly crossed the same; thence with the Grainger county line to the north bank of Clinch river; thence down the said river to the first bluff below the mouth of Cove creek; thence along the extreme height of the ridge, which divides the waters of Cove creek from those of Cole creek, to the top of Wallen's ridge; thence north forty five degrees west, to the point where it will intersect the former line of Anderson county, which runs south forty five degrees west; thence from that point, south forty five degrees west, to a point, from whence south forty five degrees east will strike Wallen's ridge, one quarter of a mile above the gap of the Indian fork of Poplar creek; thence from said last mentioned point, south forty five degrees east to Wallen's ridge, one quarter of a mile above the gap of the Indian fork of Poplar creek; thence to the double Springs, on the east side of said creek; thence a direct course to Clinch river, opposite the mouth of Hickory creek; thence up the lines of Knox county to the beginning.

**SEC. 2.** That from and after the passing of this act, the county of Campbell shall be comprehended within the following bounds, to wit: Beginning at the point where the lines of Anderson, which runs north forty five degrees west, will intersect the line of said county of Anderson, which runs south forty five degrees west; thence north forty five degrees east, to the northern boundary line of this state; thence east, with said northern boundary line, to a point on the same, from which, a line to be run at the angle of forty degrees southeast, will cross Powell's valley, at or near the house where James Devers formerly lived in said valley, leaving said house in Campbell county, not more than fifty poles; thence from said last mentioned point, south forty-five degrees east, crossing Powell's Valley at or near the house where James Devers formerly lived in said Valley, leaving said house in Campbell county, nor more than fifty poles to the line of Grainger county, on the north bank of Clinch river; thence down said river Clinch, to the Anderson county line, at the first bluff below the mouth of Cove creek; thence with the lines of Anderson county to the beginning.

**SEC. 3.** That Jesse Roysden shall be, and hereby is appointed to run and cause to be distinctly marked, the line between said counties of Anderson and Campbell, who shall be allowed the sum of two dollars per day therefor, one half of which sum, shall be paid by the county of Anderson, and the other half by the county of Campbell; and that Joab Hill shall be, and he hereby is appointed to run and cause to be distinctly marked, the line which divides the counties of Claiborne and Campbell, who shall be allowed the sum of two dollars per day therefor; which shall be paid by the counties of Claiborne and Campbell, one half by each.

**SEC. 4.** That each of said persons shall employ a person to mark said lines, and each of said markers shall be allowed for their service the sum of one dollar per day; which shall be paid by the said counties, in the same manner and in the same proportions, that said surveyors are directed to be paid.

**SEC. 5.** That from and after the passing of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants of that part of the county of Campbell, that was formerly Anderson, to hold their elections for governor, members to congress, members to the general assembly and electors to elect a president and vice president of the United States, and field officer of the militia of said county, at the place of holding court in said county; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county or his deputy, to attend the said elections and conduct the same, under the same rules and regulations as by law they are bound to do in other counties in this state in similar cases.

**SEC. 6.** That it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county, or his deputy, as the case may be, when the votes so taken, for the county of Anderson, to meet on Monday, immediately succeeding the said election, in Kingston, to compare the votes so taken, which shall be taken as a part of the election for Anderson county; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

November 7, 1807.

## Acts of 1817 Chapter 20

**SEC. 1.** That from and after the passing of this act, the line hereinafter mentioned, shall be the dividing line between the counties of Anderson and Campbell, that is to say: beginning on Clinch River, at the first bluff above the island for; thence with the dividing ridge between Cave and Cole Creek to Wallen's Ridge, and then with Wallen's Ridge, to the line run by William Hogshead under the act of Eighteen Hundred and

Eleven, then with that line to New River, then down New River in the mouth of Smoky Creek, then to the dividing ridge which divides the waters of New River and Brimstone, so as to leave Smoky Creek in Anderson county, then with said dividing ridge to a point one half mile above the mouth of Brimstone, leaving the waters of New River in Campbell county, and the waters, of Brimstone in Anderson County; from thence north forty five degrees west to the Kentucky line; and that tract of country which lies north and east of the before described line shall compose and be a part of the county of Campbell.

**SEC. 2.** That the County of Campbell, shall defray all expenses incident to the running said line, whenever the county court of Campbell shall deem the running necessary. *Provided*, nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the proper officer of the county of Anderson from collecting any taxes that may be due in the tract of country hereby annexed to the county of Campbell.

September 24th, 1817.

## Acts of 1817 Chapter 159

**Sec. 1.** That Thomas R. M'Clary is hereby appointed surveyor, to survey, and cause to be plainly marked, the line hereafter mentioned, to wit: Beginning on Clinch river, at the lower end of Graves' bent, then to Powell's river, to the place where the present dividing line between Claiborne and Campbell crosses the same, so as to leave the house of Conrad Sharp one hundred poles in Campbell county, and the house of David Smith one hundred poles in Claiborne county; then to Powell's valley, so as to strike the creek on which James Walkers iron works stands, one hundred poles above said iron works; then a direct course to Cumberland mountain, so as to leave the house of Thomas M'Lean one hundred poles in Campbell county; then a direct course to the clear fork of Cumberland river, so as to leave the house of Isaac Owens in Campbell county; then north forty five degrees west to the Kentucky line.

**Sec. 2.** That the sheriffs of each of the before mentioned counties shall have full power to collect any arrearages of taxes that may remain due in such parts of territory as may have been exchanged by this act.

**Sec. 3.** That the said Thomas R. M'Clary, shall be allowed the sum of three dollars per day for running and marking the same.

Nov. 22, 1817.

## Private Acts of 1851-52 Chapter 249

**SECTION 1.** That the dividing line between the counties of Campbell and Claiborne be changed as follows, to wit: Beginning on the north bank of Powell's river on lot\_\_\_\_line letter D, in Henderson & Co's, Powell's Valley survey, running northward with said line letter D, to the grant line, thence north to the Kentucky line, so as to include the first civil district of Claiborne county, in the county of Campbell.

**SEC. 2.** That Alvis Kincaid, Jesse Rogers, Francis Ausmus, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to run and mark said line as designated in the first section of this act, on or before the first day of April next; all persons living west of said line when run, and marked as above stated, be and they are hereby attached to, and shall have all the rights, privileges and immunities of other citizens of Campbell county.

**SEC. 3.** That said fraction of Claiborne county, shall not be attached to Campbell county until said section shall have employed the county surveyor, either of Claiborne or Campbell county to make an accurate survey of the remaining portion of Claiborne county, and after said surveyor shall have made said survey, and a report upon oath that Claiborne county will not be reduced below its constitutional number of square miles by said change of line between said counties; the surveyor shall receive the ordinary fees for his services to be paid by that part of Claiborne asking to be attached to Campbell county.

**SEC. 4.** That the lines between the counties of Carter and Johnson, be so changed as to include the tracts of land on which Joshua Perkins and Richard G. Perkins live, within the said county of Carter.

**SEC. 5.** That the county of Benton retain its original name in honor of David Benton, an old and respectable citizen of said county.

Passed, January 26, 1852.

## Private Acts of 1853-54 Chapter 129

**SECTION 1.** That the following shall be the dividing line between the county of Campbell on the one side, and the counties of Anderson and Scott on the other-- to-wit: Beginning at a point on New river, a short distance above William Mussengill's, where the present Scott county line crosses said New river; running thence up New river to a point on the east bank of New river, opposite to Solomon Dherty's; thence to the Coal gap, in such a direction as to leave the waters of the Beech fork in Campbell county [sic], and to leave Banister Vowel's residence in Anderson county; running thence on the south side of the mountain, in which the said Coal gap occurs, to the present residence of the Cokers', including the said Cokers in Campbell county; thence a direct line to a point in the former line between Campbell and Anderson counties, near the residence of Paul Harmor, so as to leave said Harmor in Anderson county. *Provided*, that if either of the counties of Anderson and Campbell desire to have a survey of the line laid off in this act, they shall be entitled thereto and the county of Campbell shall defray all expenses incident to said survey.

**SEC. 2.** That the dividing line between the counties of Claibourne [sic] and Campbell shall be as follows: Beginning on the top of Cumberland mountain, where the county line now crosses the same; thence northward to the top of the dividing ridge, between White Oak and Taskett Creek to the Clearfork, at or near the old Hunter place; thence north to the Kentucky line.

Passed, February 20, 1854.

## Public Acts of 1871 Chapter 10

**SECTION 1.** That the County Line between the Counties of Campbell and Claiborne be changes as follows: Commencing on lot line "G". of Henderson & Co., Powell's Valley large survey, where the County line crosses the same; thence with said lot line north about 27<sup>o</sup> west to George W. Cooper's land; then with said Cooper's line, so as to include all the lands of George W. Cooper and J. B. Little in Campbell County. This Act to take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: October 26, 1871.

## Public Acts of 1871 Chapter 118

WHEREAS, An Act was passed by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee on the 23d day of January, 1871, entitled, "An Act to change the line between the counties of Campbell and Scott, and

WHEREAS, by said change several voters were detached from the county of Scott and attached to the county of Campbell, contrary to the wishes and interest of said voters, and

WHEREAS, It has been clearly shown by petition and sworn testimony that it is the desire of all of said voters to be added to the county of Scott. Therefore,

**SECTION 1.** That the county line between the counties of Scott and Campbell be changed as follows, to-wit: Beginning on the top of Fork Ridge in the Scott and Campbell county line, where James Criscillis and Hiram Trammell's lands join; thence with their dividing line, crossing Capuchin Fork of Jellies to the top of the ridge dividing the water of Capuchin and Trammell's Fork; thence with the top of said last named ridge westwardly to the Scott and Campbell county line, including all of James Blankenship's lands in Scott county: *Provided, however*, that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as in any way to effect the farms of Danswell Trammell, James Smith, John Lay, David Baird, and Joseph Baird, who with their said farms are hereby declared to belong to the county of Campbell.

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

Passed December 13, 1871.

## Public Acts of 1891 Chapter 23

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the counties of Claiborne and Campbell be so changed as to detach from Claiborne and attach to Campbell the territory in the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning in the center of the Clear Fork and Laurel Fork road at the point where same crosses the Tennessee and Kentucky State line, thence with the center of said road southwestwardly to the Clear Fork of Cumberland River, near the residence of Dant Hamblin; thence down said river to the Rogers or Wilson Gap road; thence with the center of said road to the top of Cumberland Mountain; thence with the top of said mountain a northeast course to a stake opposite the southwest line of the lands of Sam Alexander; thence with his said line, including all his lands on the Claiborne side, to a large oak on the Powell's Valley road

corner between him and the heirs of William Wilton, deceased; thence with said road an east course to the southwest line of L. M. Carr; thence with his said line a southeast course to the southwest lines of B.F. Carr; thence with his said line to the southwest line of Mitchell Alexander's (Kincaid farm); thence with same to the southwest line of the old Harmon Davis farm, and with same to the Back Valley road, thence down said road to the Greasy Hollow road; thence with said road to the Greasy Hollow branch; thence with said branch to Powell's River, near what is known as the Greasy Hollow mill; thence down said river to the Union County line, thence with the Union County line to the Campbell County line.

**SEC. 2.** That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent the revenue collectors of said counties respectively from collecting any taxes already assessed against persons or lands in the same manner, and under the same process of law as if the change in the line between the counties had not been made by section 1 of this Act.

**SEC. 3.** That all future assessment of taxes against persons or lands shall be made by the proper officers of the respective counties, and the taxes collected in pursuance of such assessments with reference to this change in the county line between the counties of Claiborne and Campbell.

**SEC. 4.** That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SEC. 5.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed January 26, 1891.

## Private Acts of 1957 Chapter 142

**SECTION 1.** That the county line between Campbell County and Claiborne County is hereby changed so as to take from the 10th Civil District of Claiborne County and place in the 1st Civil District of Campbell County, the following described land:

"A tract of land owned by Newman Monday and being bounded on the West by the lands of M. J. Monday, North by State Highway No. 63, East by the lands of Luther Welch and South by the lands of Carrie Monday."

**SECTION 2.** That this Act shall have no effect unless the same shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of both the Quarterly County Court of Campbell and Claiborne Counties on or before the next regular meeting of such quarterly county court occurring more than thirty days after its approval by the Chief Executive of this State. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officers of each of the bodies having jurisdiction to approve or the reverse, and shall be certified by him to the Secretary of State.

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

Passed: February 28, 1957.

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