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Change County Lines

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Private Acts of 1835-36 Chapter 41

SECTION 1. That the portion of Rutherford county lying in Hoover's Gap, shall be, and the same is hereby attached to the county of Coffee, by a direct line, to be run across said Gap at right angles, as near as may be, so as to intersect with the Bedford county line as the same existed before the said county of Coffee was established, on the ridge on each side of said Gap, leaving Christopher Hoover and Jacob Hoover in the county of Rutherford, and crossing the Gap as near Jacob Hoover's mill as practicable, to leave those persons on the north side of said line, and the territory lying south of the line to be run as aforesaid, shall become a part of the said county of Coffee.

SECTION 2. That the citizens residing in the territory described in the first section of this act shall be placed on an equal footing, possess equal powers and privileges in all respects with the other citizens of said county of Coffee; and that Solomon Beesly be appointed to run and mark the line as herein provided for, for which he shall be allowed three dollars for every day he may be necessarily employed in running and marking said line, to be paid by the said county of Coffee.

SECTION 6. That the first line of Coffee county, instead of south eight east from the beginning ten and a half miles to the twelve mile point east of Shelbyville, shall be so run southwardly ten and a half miles as to strike the twelve mile point east of Shelbyville.

Passed: February 4, 1836.

COMPILER'S NOTE: Sections 3, 4 and 5 concerned circuit courts of several counties and are not printed in this section.

Private Acts of 1845-46 Chapter 134

That so much of the county of Coffee as is hereinafter designated, be and the same is hereby attached to the county of Grundy, viz: Beginning on the top of the Cumberland mountain, on the Grundy county line; thence west down the old bush Gap-ridge to the old Coffee county line; thence with the old Coffee line to Street's old place; thence to the mouth of Bradley's Creek; thence up Elk river to a stake on the south side of said river; thence to the Grundy county line, so as to include the territory taken off the county of Franklin, in the year 1837, and annexed to the county of Coffee, and the line that divided Franklin county and Coffee county now be the dividing line between Coffee county and Grundy county, and that all officers both military and civil, hold their offices until others are elected.

Passed: January 30, 1846.

Private Acts of 1851-52 Chapter 327

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Coffee and Franklin, be changed as follows, to wit: Beginning on the south boundary line of Coffee County, at the point where the east boundary line of the town site of Tullahoma, as surveyed according to the original plan of said town, intersects the south boundary line of said county, the said point being opposite to section seventy-two, of the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad, and one hundred and sixty poles east of that point; thence running with the courses of the lines which bound the southern portion of said town site to the point where the west boundary thereof intersects the said south boundary line of Coffee county, and the citizens included within these lines and the intercepted point of the Coffee county line, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other citizens of Coffee county, and also shall be subject to all the liabilities of the citizens of Coffee county.

SECTION 2. That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Passed: February 25, 1852.

Public Acts of 1870-71 Chapter 18

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Coffee and Franklin, be so changed as to detach from Franklin and attach to Coffee the following boundaries, viz: Beginning at or near the three water holes on the line of Franklin and Coffee; thence south 48° west to the old Shelbyville and Winchester road, by the

Flat Creek; thence north-west with said road to the Bedford County line; thence with the Bedford County line to the line of Coffee County; Provided, That the parties so detached from Franklin and attached to Coffee County shall pay their taxes for 1870 to the tax collector for Franklin County.

SECTION 2. That the said citizens detached from Franklin County be attached to the 13th civil district of Coffee County.

SECTION 3. That the line between the counties of Coffee and Cannon be so changed as to include the lands of Newton Jarnagin in Coffee County, commencing in said Jarnagin's south boundary line where crosses the line between the counties of Coffee and Cannon; thence east to his south-east corner; thence north with his line to his north-west corner; thence west to said county line.

Passed: December 15, 1870.

COMPILER'S NOTE: The remaining portions of this Act concerned other county boundaries.

Public Acts of 1879 Chapter 178

SECTION 1. That the line between the Counties of Coffee and Franklin, be to changed as to detach from Franklin and attach to Coffee, the territory included in the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at a stone, with pointers in the west boundary line of a 1,200-acre tract granted in name of R. Sharp (now owned by Kirkpatrick, and leaving Kirkpatrick in Franklin county), just north of the three water holes (about 15 poles); thence south with the line of said grant 311 poles to the Lanier line; thence west with said line 23 poles; thence north 50 poles; thence west 216 poles to the east boundary line of the Joab Short 500-acre grant; thence north with the east boundary line of said grant (about 120 poles) to the southerly boundary line of the old 695 acre Kocsis survey; thence with the southerly boundary of said Kocsis' survey (about 500 poles) to the right of way of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway at a point (about 52 poles) south of the Anderson (now Dundas) tract; thence across said railroad; thence to the southeast corner of the Travis lands; thence running with the Travis east, north and west lines (leaving Travis in Franklin county) and on to the southeast corner of the Martin lands; thence with Martin's south boundary line and on to the southeast corner of the David Hart lands (now M. Wilson); thence with the south boundary of the Hart lands to the road; thence with the road to Hastings' southeast corner (about 35 poles); thence to the southeast corner of the Crane Oak View tract and the old Thomas line to the Moore county line; thence with the Moore county line and Bedford county line to the line of Coffee county. Provided, That so much of the Hasting, Crane and Thomas tracts as are assessed in Franklin shall pay taxes to the trustee of Franklin county for the year 1899.

As amended by: Public Acts of 1899, Chapter 245

SECTION 2. That the said citizens so detached from Franklin County, be attached to the 13th Civil District of Coffee County.

SECTION 3. That all laws and parts of laws, in conflict with this Act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 24, 1879.

Public Acts of 1879 Chapter 235

SECTION 1. That the lines between the Counties of Franklin, Coffee and Grundy, at their intersection on Elk River, be changed as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stake in the line between Coffee and Grundy, 20 yards north of Elk River, and running thence west to the north end of the bridge crossing Elk River; thence with the center of said bridge to the south end of said bridge; thence to a stake in the old line, 15 yards south of said river, so as to place the said bridge on the lines between said Counties of Coffee, Franklin and Grundy.

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

Passed: March 28, 1879.

Private Acts of 1917 Chapter 202

SECTION 1. That the county line between the Counties of Bedford and Coffee be so changed, that the lands lying east of the Garrison Creek be detached from Bedford County and added to Coffee County, by beginning in the county line of the southeast corner of Dr. Jim Mason's farm and running south with the center of Garrison Creek to the mouth of McBride's Branch.

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

Passed: March 13, 1917.

Private Acts of 1923 Chapter 339

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Bedford and Coffee be and the same is hereby changed so as to include in Coffee County the following described strip or parcel of land: Beginning at a point in the line between the Counties of Bedford and Coffee forty feet west of the center of the public road leading from Beech Grove to Murfreesboro, and running thence in a northerly direction parallel with the center of said road a uniform distance of forty feet from the center thereof to the line between the Counties of Rutherford and Coffee.

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

Passed: March 21, 1923.

Private Acts of 1933 Chapter 342

SECTION 1. That the line between the counties of Moore and Coffee be changed by detaching from Coffee county and adding to Moore county the lands situated south and west of the following described line, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the fence inclosing the lands of Lem Motlow, on the north side of the Lynchburg and Tullahoma road known as the "Cobb road," where said road crosses the Moore-Coffee county line, and running from thence in a northwesterly direction with said fence, along said road, to the southeast corner of Lem Motlow's "Paty tract;" thence with the east boundary line of said Paty tract to the northeast corner of said Motlow's "Harton tract;" thence with the north boundary line of said Harton tract to a point in the line of said Motlow's "Briney tract;" thence with the line of said Briney land to the line of said Motlow's "Jenkins tract;" thence with the line of the Jenkins tract to the north side of the Dixie Highway; thence easterly with the north side of said Highway to the corner of the lands of Harve Moore; thence with Moore's line in a northerly direction to Lem Motlow's "Robinson tract;" thence with the line of said Robinson tract back to the point where the boundary line of that tract crosses Moore county line.

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

Passed: April 5, 1933.

Private Acts of 1951 Chapter 351

SECTION 1. That the line between Coffee and Moore Counties in this State be and the same is hereby changed by detaching from the County of Coffee and adding to the County of Moore all the territory embraced within the following description:

Beginning at the NW corner of a 225 acre tract of land formerly owned by Jno. W. Harton and wife, and conveyed to C. A. Osborne and wife by deed of record in Deed Book 66, page 93, Register's Office, Coffee County, Tennessee; running thence S, E and N with the lines of said 225 acre tract to the SE corner of a tract of land now owned by Carlton L. Way and wife, Mary Louise Way; thence with the southerly line of said Way land, in a westerly direction 600 feet; thence in a northerly direction with the W line of said Way land 400 feet to the southerly margin of State Highway 55; thence crossing said highway to the north margin of said State Highway 55 to a point where such line strikes the present county line of Moore County and specifically embracing within Moore County all of State Highway 55 lying S and W of said last mentioned lines, it being the intention of this Act to embrace within Moore County all of the farm of C. A. Osborne and wife described in the deed above referred to EXCEPT that portion heretofore conveyed to Carlton L. Way and wife by deed of record in Deed Book 69, page 69, Register's Office, Coffee County, Tennessee, and to embrace within the boundaries of Moore County Highway No. 55 up to the NW corner of the land of Carlton L. Way, heretofore described.

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

Passed: March 2, 1951.

Private Acts of 1955 Chapter 343

SECTION 1. That the county line between Coffee and Franklin Counties be and the same is hereby changed so as to be in part as follows:

Beginning at a point designated as Station 13 on the official map of the common boundary line of Coffee and Franklin County, Tennessee, said map being prepared on September 18, 1953, pursuant to a resolution duly passed by the Quarterly Courts of the respective counties; thence in an easterly direction across the Old Winchester Road to a point in the southwesterly corner of lot number 70, in the Oak Park Addition to the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, according to a map or plat thereof of record in Trust Deed Book 69, page 391, Register's Office, Coffee County, Tennessee, and also of record in Deed Book 84, page 197, Register's Office, Franklin County, Tennessee, thence in a northerly direction along the easterly margin of the Old Winchester Road 645.6 feet to a point in the northwesterly corner of lot number 37 in said subdivision; thence in an easterly direction along the southerly margin of Oak Park Drive in the City of Tullahoma, Tennessee, 265 feet to a point in the northwesterly corner of lot 40 and the northeasterly corner of lot 39 in said Oak Park Sub-Division; thence 395.2 feet in a southerly direction along the common boundary lines between lots 39 and 40 and lots 53 and 54 to a point on the northerly side of Oak Park Drive; thence in an easterly direction along the northerly edge of Oak Park Drive and along the southerly edge of lots 54, 55 and 56, 240 feet to a point in the southwesterly corner of lot 57; thence in a northerly direction along the common boundary line between lots 56 and 57, 199.7 feet to a point in the northwesterly corner of said lot number 57; thence in an easterly direction 320 feet along the common rear lot line between lots 43 and 57, 44 and 58, 45 and 59, and lots 46 and 60, to a point in the southwest corner of lot 47; thence in a northerly direction along the common boundary line between lots 46 and 47, 202.4 feet to a point in the northwesterly corner of lot number 47; thence along the southerly margin of Oak Park Drive and the northerly margin of lots 47, 48, 49, 50, and a portion of lot 69, 430 feet to a point in the northerly corner of lot 69; thence 442.5 feet in a southerly direction along the westerly margin of Oak Park Drive, and along the easterly margin of lots 69, 68, 67 and 66, to a point in the southeasterly corner of lot 66; thence in a southerly direction along a straight line to the southwesterly corner of lot 24; thence 80 feet in a southerly direction along the easterly side of Park Circle and the westerly margin of lot 25 to a point in the southeasterly corner of said lot 25; thence in a northeasterly direction along the common boundary between lots 25 and 26, 264.8 feet and thence in the same direction and along the same line if extended, approximately 360 feet to a point on the west bank of Rock Creek, said point being South 11 degrees 48 minutes West 210.5 feet; South 29 degrees 43 minutes West 198.5 feet; South 36 degrees 28 minutes West 237.7 feet from the point designated as Station 16 on the official map referred to above; so as to include in the 13th Civil District of Coffee County Tennessee, lots 1 through 25, 40 through 46, and 54 through 56, as shown on the recorded plats of the said Oak Park Sub-Division and so as to include the remainder of the lots of said sub-division in the 7th Civil District of Franklin County, Tennessee.

SECTION 2. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

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

Passed: March 15, 1955.

Public Acts of 1970 Chapter 569

SECTION 1. The line between the counties of Cannon and Coffee be, and the same is, hereby changed by detaching from the County of Cannon and attaching to the County of Coffee all of the hereinafter described territory:

A tract or parcel of land now lying in the 13th civil district of Cannon, adjacent to, and just north of the line between the counties of Cannon and Coffee containing 40.81 acres, more or less, and more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at the corner of a fence located at the northward margin of the Hilly Spring Road, the said point of beginning being known as Kenners southwest corner, also considered as being located in the south line of Cannon County and the north line of Coffee County; thence running with a fence this being Kenners west line N 3° 15' E 1500 ft. to the corner of the fence; thence running with a staked line along the top of a ravine, this being Dr. Adams south-ward line N 89° 45' W 407.7 ft., N 77° W 166 ft., N 62° 30' W 156 ft., N 52° 30' W 272 ft., N 84° 15' W 242 ft., to a large fence post; thence running with a fence this being Parkers lastward line S 23° 50' W 952 ft., S 24° 15' W 153

ft., to the corner of the fence; thence running with the northward margin of the Holly Spring Road, considered as the north line of Coffee County, and the south line of Cannon County, S 60° 45' E 668 Ft., S 64° 15' E 1008 ft., to the beginning and containing 40.81 acres as surveyed by William C. Ingram, Coffee County Surveyor, on the 27th day of January, 1970."

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

Passed: February 19, 1970.

COMPILER'S NOTE: This is a special public act and does not appear in Tennessee Code Annotated.

Private Acts of 1971 Chapter 181

SECTION 1. The line between the counties of Coffee and Moore be, and the same is hereby changed so that the county line between the counties of Coffee and Moore will be located in the following manner:

Beginning at the northwest corner of a certain one hundred (100) acre tract described in a deed to George Vibbert, recorded in Deed Book 20, page 554, Register's office in Moore County; thence east along the north line of the Vibbert tract, to the northeast corner of the original one hundred (100) acre tract, in the west line of a tract owned by the L&N Railroad, now the northeast corner of property owned by R. C. Riddle, Deed Book 29, page 8, Register's office, Moore County; thence south along the east line of the Riddle tract and the west line of the L&N Railroad property, to the north margin of the Tullahoma- Normandy Road; thence in a westerly direction with the north line of the road and the south line of the R. C. Riddle property, J. W. Vibbert property, Edwin Gary property, Glenn Robinettee property, and George Vibbert, Jr. property to a point in the south line of U. S. Highway 41-A; thence southeast with the south margin of U. S. 41-A, 765' to a fence; thence west with said fence 620' to a point; thence north 200' to a point; thence west 640' to a fence; thence further west about 590' to a northwest corner of the H. C. Stone property, thence south with the H. C. Stone west line and the Shirley Stone east line about 2390' to the northeast corner of the James T. Rutledge property, thence west with the James Rutledge north line and the Shirley Stone south line about 1995' to a point supposed to be the Coffee-Moore County line. So as to include in Moore County all of the property presently owned by George Vibbert, Edwin Gray, R. C. Riddle, Glenn Robinettee, J. W. Vibbert, George Vibbert, Jr., James Farrell, and Shirley Stone, and to place in Coffee County all the property of I. W. Davis, consisting of 3.5 acres more or less lying between the old Tullahoma Road and the present Highway 41-A.

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

Passed: May 17, 1971.

Public Acts of 1975 Chapter 214

COMPILER'S NOTE: This is a special public act and is not printed in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. John N. Steioff and wife, Marie S. Steioff own the hereinafter described tract of land located and situated mainly in the 25th Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee with a portion of said tract located and situated in the 5th Civil District of Coffee County, Tennessee and a portion of said tract located and situated in the 10th Civil District of Moore County, Tennessee and these portions of such tract of land are removed from Coffee County and Moore County into the 25th Civil District of Bedford County and the county line between Bedford County and Coffee County and Moore County at this place shall hereinafter run with the boundaries of said tract so as to exclude the said lands from Coffee and Moore Counties and include the same in the 25th Civil District of Bedford County such that the entire tract of land hereunder described shall be located and situated in the 25th Civil District of Bedford County. That tract of land is generally bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a pipe near an old railroad brake shoe protruding from the ground at a decayed dogwood stump near the west edge of an old road extending from the Tullahoma-Normandy Road near a gravel pit; thence North 04 Deg. East, 1,647 feet along the west boundary line of the Mitchell property to a pipe; thence North 75 Deg. 20 Min. West 2000.6 feet along the south boundary line of the Mitchell property to a pipe; thence North 15 deg. West 950 feet more or less, along the west boundary line of the Mitchell property to a pipe; thence North 89 deg. West, 445 feet, more or less, along the south boundary of what is known as the Taylor property to a pipe; thence South 02 deg. 17 min. West, 700 feet, more or less, along the East boundary of the Carr property to a pipe; thence South 02 deg. 17 min. West 3,077.7 feet, along the east boundaries of the Carr and Short properties to a pipe; thence South 85 deg. 30 min. East 657.3 feet along the

north boundary of the Short property to a pipe; thence South 07 deg. 40 min. West, 990 feet, along the east boundary of said Short property to a pipe; thence North 51 deg. 58 min. East 2,816.4 feet along the northwest boundary of the Weaver place to the point of beginning, and containing 183 acres, more or less, being the same property conveyed to John N. Steioff and wife, Marie S. Steioff, by deed of Guy W. Leming and wife, Martha Leming, dated January 23, 1960.

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

Passed: May 13, 1975.

Public Acts of 1993 Chapter 161

COMPILER'S NOTE: This act is a special act of local application and is not found in Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. A property transfer between Franklin and Coffee Counties in the 8th Civil District shall be made so that the boundary line between such counties in the 8th Civil District is as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located in the existing line between Franklin and Coffee Counties, said point being located North 08 deg. 44 min. 45 sec. East 2,959.26 feet from AEDC marker #351. Running thence North 08 deg. 44 min. 45 sec. East 210 feet to AEDC marker #352. Running thence South 85 deg. 27 min. 19 sec. East and crossing AEDC access road and Tennessee Highway 127 and running through AEDC marker #353 2,900.27 feet to a point located in the easterly margin of Tennessee Highway 127. Running thence with the easterly margin of Highway 127 South 35 deg. 26 min. 32 sec. West 1,908.76 feet to a point; thence South 28 deg. 26 min. West 878 feet to a point; South 27 deg. 27 min. West 949 feet to a point located at the intersection of Tennessee Highway 127 with New Brick Church Road. Running thence with and along the northerly margin of New Brick Church Road South 82 deg. 54 min. East 2,140 feet to a point. Thence South 86 deg. 21 min. East 782 feet to a point located in the existing line between Franklin and Coffee Counties, Tennessee.

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

Passed: March 25, 1993.

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