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Districts - Reapportionment

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Acts of 1903 Chapter 599

SECTION 1. That there are hereby created and established for the county of Cumberland four civil districts in lieu of the thirteen civil districts now existing therein.

SECTION 2. That the boundaries of said new civil districts shall be as follows:

First--The territory now embraced within the boundaries of the second and fifth civil districts shall be consolidated and shall hereafter be known as the first civil district.

Second--That the territory now embraced within the boundaries of the first, sixth, and thirteenth civil districts shall be consolidated and shall hereafter be known as the second civil district.

Third--That the territory now embraced within the boundaries of the third, fourth, eighth, and eleventh civil districts shall be consolidated and shall hereafter be known as the third civil district.

Fourth--That the territory now embraced in the seventh, ninth, tenth, and twelfth civil districts shall be combined and shall hereafter be known as the fourth civil district.

SECTION 3. That all the various district officers, to wit: Justices of the Peace, Constables, and Tax Assessors now holding offices in said county are hereby abolished, and the County Board of Election Commissioners shall call an election to be held according to law for the election of two Justices of the Peace, one Constable, and one Tax Assessor in all the new districts created, except in the first, wherein shall be elected three Justices of the Peace. Said election shall be opened and held at the various voting precincts in said county on the 7th day of May 1903, and the present district officers in said county shall hold their offices until the officers herein provided for have been elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. That the voting precincts in the various civil districts in said county shall remain as they now stand.

SECTION 5. That this Act take effect from and after the 7th day of May, 1903, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 1, 1903.

COMPILER'S NOTE: See State v. Hamby, 114 Tenn. 361, 84 S.W. 622 (1904), in which this Act was challenged.

Private Acts of 1913 Chapter 40

SECTION 1. That the farm of J. T. Brown be detached from the Third Civil District of Cumberland County, Tenn, and be attached to the Fourth Civil District of said county.

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

Passed: February 18, 1913.

Private Acts of 1917 Chapter 663

SECTION 1. That there is hereby created and established in Cumberland County a Fifth Civil District, the boundaries to be as follows:

Beginning on the Stephens Gap Road at the top of the mountain at the Bledsoe County line; thence in a northerly direction with the Stephens Gap Road to the old Ross Road; thence in a westerly direction with the Ross Road to the White County line; thence in a southerly direction to the Bledsoe County line; thence with the Bledsoe County line to the place of beginning.

SECTION 2. That the Election Commissioners of Cumberland County shall call a special election, under the general election laws of this State, to be held on the first Thursday in June after the passage of this Act for the purpose of electing two Justices of the Peace and one constable to represent said district, who shall hold their office until the next regular election held for the election of county and district offices and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. That all subsequent elections shall be held under the general election laws of this State and said district shall be entitled to elect such officers to represent said district as are elected in the other districts of the county and for a like term and with like powers and duties.

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

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

Passed: April 3, 1917.

Private Acts of 1923 Chapter 512

SECTION 1. That there is hereby created and established in Cumberland County, a Sixth Civil District, the boundaries to be as follows:

Beginning in the Morgan and Cumberland County line on the crest of Crab Orchard Mountain within the boundaries of Joe Smith's farm; thence southwestwardly with the top of said mountain passing by Jack Smith's farm and to the south thereof to the Frank Derrick place and including same; thence southwardly passing burnt bridge on Spencer's Hill to Burke's Creek; thence down Burke's Creek with its meanders to Fall Creek; thence down Fall Creek with its meanders to its intersection with the Roane and Cumberland County line; thence with the line between road and Cumberland County and Morgan and Cumberland County to the place of beginning.

SECTION 2. That within 60 days from the approval of this Act the County Board of Election Commissioners for said county shall call and advertise an election for the purpose of electing two Justices of the Peace and one Constable by the legally qualified voters of said district, who shall hold their respective offices until the next regular election held for the election of county and district officers, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. That all subsequent elections shall be held under the general election laws of this State and said district shall be entitled to elect such officers to represent said district as are elected in other districts of the county and for a like term with like powers and duties.

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

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

Passed: March 28, 1923.

Private Acts of 1925 Chapter 578

SECTION 1. That there be, and is hereby created and established for and within the County of Cumberland, in this State a civil district.

SECTION 2. That the boundaries of said civil district shall be as follows: Beginning at Joe Smith's; thence south to the Frank Derrick place; thence west by the Cline Mill set crossing Dady's Creek to the Second District line; thence with said district line to the Morgan County line; thence with Morgan line to the place of beginning.

SECTION 3. That all persons, being and living in said boundary, shall be and constitute the Seventh Civil District of Cumberland County.

SECTION 4. That the election commissioners for Cumberland County shall order an election, opened and held on the first Saturday in June, 1925, for the purpose of electing Two Justices of the Peace and one Constable, for the Seventh Civil District of Cumberland County, who shall hold their office until the regular August election next preceding, this election, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

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

Passed: April 4, 1925.

Private Acts of 1925 Chapter 638

SECTION 1. That there is hereby created and established in Cumberland County an Eighth Civil District, the boundaries to be as follows:

Beginning where the First and Fifth District line crosses Meadow Creek, thence down Meadow Creek to Meadow Creek Falls. Thence northly leaving Joe Baker's farm in the First District and the Matthew Mitchell farm in the New District, Mitchell's northeast line being the dividing line between the First and Eighth Districts to the old graded road. Thence with said graded road to where said road reaches the Bell farm.

Thence with Bell's south line west to Little Field Creek. Thence down said creek to the old Frost road; thence with Frost road to the old Sequatchie road, then with same road to Pomona Roads. Thence with Second District line to Putnam County. Thence with Putnam County line to White County line. Thence with White County line to the line between the First and Fifth Districts. Thence with said line to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That within sixty days from the approval of this Act the County Board of Election Commissioners for said county shall call and advertise an election for the purpose of electing two Justices of the Peace and one Constable by the legally qualified voters of said district, who shall hold their respective offices until the next regular election held for the election of the county are elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. That all subsequent elections shall be held under the general election laws of this State and said district shall be entitled to elect such officers to represent said district as are elected in other districts of the county and for a like term with like powers and duties.

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

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

Passed: April 9, 1925.

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