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Chapter X - Law Enforcement

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Sheriff

The following acts have no current effect but are included here for reference purposes since they once applied to the White County Sheriffs office.

1. Acts of 1821, Chapter 180, was the authority and direction for the Sheriffs of Overton and White Counties to advertise all lands which were to be sold by them under execution, or otherwise, in some newspaper in the town of Sparta. The Rangers in the county were required to do the same thing in the matter of disposing of strays they had picked up.
2. Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 61, Section 8, stated that, if for any reason the Sheriffs of Cannon, Jackson, White, and Warren Counties failed to hold an election as was required by the Act establishing DeKalb County, then he may hold the same on Tuesday, January 30, 1838, or, if he cannot hold the election at that time, he shall hold it at the earliest practical day and make the proper returns required by law.
3. Acts of 1843-44, Resolution #38, authorized and required the Treasurer of the State on the warrant of the Comptroller to take the notes of the securities for J. T. Bradley, late Sheriff of White County, in two equal annual payments with properly charged interest.

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