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Elections - Historical Notes

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District - Reapportionment

The acts listed below have affected the civil districts in Unicoi County, but are no longer operative regarding elections.

1. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 197, changed the lines of the fifth and twelfth civil districts of Unicoi County by removing from the twelfth civil district that portion which laid within the corporate limits of the town of Erwin, and extended the line of the fifth civil district to be up to and even with the said corporate line.
2. Private Acts of 1947, Chapter 310, divided Unicoi County into three civil districts which were described by their respective boundary lines and the number thereof shall not be increased or diminished except by act of the general assembly, but the existing terms of the justices of the peace and the constables in the former civil districts would be honored.

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The following is a listing of acts for Unicoi County which affected the elective process, but which have been superseded or repealed. They are listed here for historical and reference purposes.

1. Public Acts of 1881 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 6, apportioned the representation in the general assembly of the state by creating senatorial districts and providing for the election of representatives by the counties of the state. The counties of Unicoi, Carter, Johnson, Sullivan and Washington composed the first senatorial district. One representative was jointly elected by the counties of Unicoi, Carter, Johnson, Washington, Greene and Sullivan.
2. Public Acts of 1882 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Chapter 27, divided the state into congressional districts for the election of representatives to United States Congress. The counties of Unicoi, Johnson, Carter, Sullivan, Washington, Hawkins, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Cocke, Claiborne and Grainger composed the first congressional district.
3. Public Acts of 1891, Chapter 131, divided the state into congressional districts for the election of representatives to United States Congress. The counties of Unicoi, Johnson Carter, Sullivan, Washington, Hawkins, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Claiborne, Cocke and Grainger composed the first congressional district.
4. Acts of 1891 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 10, apportioned the representation in the general assembly of the state by creating senatorial districts and providing for the election of representatives by the counties of the state. The counties of Unicoi, Carter, Johnson, Washington and Greene composed the first senatorial district. One representative was jointly elected by the counties of Unicoi, Johnson, Sullivan, Washington, Greene, Hawkins and Hancock.
5. Public Acts of 1901, Chapter 109, divided the state into congressional districts for the election of representatives to United States Congress. The counties of Unicoi, Sullivan, Johnson, Carter, Washington, Greene, Hawkins, Hancock, Claiborne, Grainger, Cocke and Sevier composed the first congressional district.
6. Public Acts of 1901, Chapter 122, apportioned the representation in the general assembly of the state by creating senatorial districts and providing for the election of representatives by the counties of the state. The counties of Unicoi, Johnson, Carter, Washington and Greene composed the first senatorial district. One representative was jointly elected by the counties of Unicoi, Greene and Washington.
7. Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 160, provides that each person serving as an officer, judge or clerk in any election in Unicoi County would be paid \$5.00 per day for each day of service, the money to be paid out of the county treasury.
8. Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 13, set the hours in Unicoi County for opening the polls for general elections at 9:00 A.M. and for closing the polls at 6:00 P.M.

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