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SECTION 1. That the following described bounds shall be and is hereby made and constituted a new and distinct county by the name of Hardin county, in honor, and to perpetuate the memory of Col. Joseph Hardin deceased; beginning at the south west corner of Wayne county, and running thence north with the west boundary line of said county to the north west corner thereof; then due west to the Mississippi; thence down said river to the southern boundary line of the state; thence east with the south boundary line aforesaid to the beginning.

SECTION 2. That for the due administration of Justice, the first court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, and the Circuit Court, and all subsequent Courts, until otherwise provided for by law, shall be holden at the house of Col. James Hardin, under the same regulations and restrictions, and shall have and exercise the same powers and jurisdictions as are or shall be prescribed for the several counties in this state.

SECTION 3. That it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county of Hardin, to hold an election at the place of holding courts in said county on the first Thursday and Friday in March next; for the purpose of electing a Colonel and two Majors for said county of Hardin, which shall be conducted under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed by law in similar cases; and the militia of said county shall compose the sixty fifth regiment and be attached to the fifth Brigade.

SECTION 4. That the election for company officers for the county of Hardin shall be held at such places as the commandant of the militia of said county may think proper to appoint, which said election shall be held on the first Monday in April next, under the same rules, regulations and restrictions as are prescribed in like cases.

SECTION 5. That the sheriff of said county of Hardin on the days prescribed by law shall hold an election at the place of holding courts for the purpose of electing a Governor, Members of the state Legislature, members of Congress, and Electors to elect a President and Vice-President of the United States, under the same rules and regulations as prescribed by law.

SECTION 6. That it shall and may be lawful for any Justice of the Peace for Hickman or Wayne counties, to attend at the place prescribed by law for holding court in Hardin County at the first court of Pleas and Quarter sessions appointed to be holden for said county for the purpose of administering to the justices of said county the necessary oaths.

SECTION 7. That this act shall be in force from and after the passage thereof.

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