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Civil Districts

Public Acts of 1899 Chapter 208

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That the farms of John W. Stapleton and R.M. Gray be detached from Hawkins county and attached to Hancock county. Beginning on a hickory, a corner between Andrew Stapleton and the said John W. Stapleton, and running with Phoebe Trent's line southeastwardly to a cedar; thence westwardly with line of the heirs of W.E. Byrd to Richardson's Creek; thence with said line westwardly with said line to the top of the ridge, and with the top of the middle ridge to a hickory corner between Omey Gains' and R.M. Gray's line and the line of Omey Gains northwestwardly to a beach corner on Sugar Run branch so as to include all of the said farms of the said John W. Stapleton and R.M. Gray in Hancock county.

Be it further enacted, That the line between Hancock and Hawkins counties be further changed so as to detach the farm of T.J. Cantwell from Hancock county, and add the same to Hawkins county, making the following change in line between said counties: Beginning at the southwest corner of the line between said counties on said T.J. Cantwell's northeast corner on top of Copper Ridge; thence down the top of Copper Ridge with said T.J. Cantwell's line a southwest course --- poles to said T.J. Cantwell southwest corner; thence with said T.J. Cantwell's west line with its meanders --- poles to the top of Clinch Mountain on the present line between said Hancock and Hawkins counties.

Passed April 6, 1899.

Acts of 1903 Chapter 1

COMPILER'S NOTE: Acts of 1903, Chapter 1 should be read in conjunction with Acts of 1907, Chapter 282 which follows this act.

SECTION 1. That the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Civil Districts of Hawkins County, be and the same are hereby abolished.

SEC. 2. That the territory heretofore embraced in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Civil Districts of said County be and the same is hereby attached to the First Civil District of said County; that the territory heretofore embraced in the Eleventh Civil District of said County be and the same is hereby attached to the Twelfth Civil District of said County, and said District as herein constituted shall hereafter be known and nominated as the Second Civil District of said County; that the territory heretofore embraced in the Second, Thirteenth, Seventeenth and Nineteenth Civil Districts of said County be and the same is hereby attached to the Third Civil Districts of said County; that the territory heretofore contained in the boundaries of said Tenth Civil District of said county be and the same is hereby attached to the Twentieth Civil District of said County, and the District as herein constituted shall hereafter be known, numbered and nominated as the Fourth Civil District of said County; that the territory heretofore embraced in the Fourth and Eighteenth Civil Districts of said County be and the same is hereby attached to the Eighth Civil District of said county, and the District as herein constituted shall hereafter be known, numbered and nominated the Fifth Civil District of said County; that the territory heretofore contained in the boundaries of the Fifth and Sixteenth Civil Districts of said County be and the same is hereby attached to the Sixth Civil District of said County; that the territory heretofore embraced in the Ninth Civil District of said County be and the same is hereby attached to the Seventh Civil District of said County.

SEC. 3. That the wards or voting places of said County remain as they now are or as the County Court of said County may hereafter fix the same, except the voting places of the former Thirteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Civil Districts of said County, which are hereby abolished; and the voters in the territory formerly known as the Twentieth Civil District of said County shall hereafter cast their votes at the Court House in Rogersville, heretofore known as the voting place of the Tenth Civil District; and the voters in the territory heretofore composing the Thirteenth and Nineteenth Civil Districts of said County shall cast their votes at the voting place in what was formerly the Second Civil District of said County; but no Civil Districts in excess of the seven Districts hereby established shall be created out of any of the territory of said County, unless authorized by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

SEC. 4. That from and after the passage of this Act the offices of the Justices of the Peace and all other Civil District officers in the Districts abolished by this Act shall cease to exist, and the Justices and other officers in the Districts herein abolished shall turn over and deliver to the Justices of the Peace and other officers not affected by this Act, all books, papers and documents pertaining to their respective offices;

and that all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: January 27, 1903.

Acts of 1907 Chapter 282

SECTION 1. That Chapter 1 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, passed January 27, 1903, and approved January 31, 1903, entitled "An Act to redistrict Hawkins County, etc.," be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows:

"1. By detaching from what is now the Fifth Civil District of said county all that territory which, prior to the Act of 1903, constituted the old Fourth and Eighteenth Civil Districts, and attaching said territory to what is now the Sixth Civil District of said county.

"2. By detaching the territory which, prior to the Act of 1903, constituted the old Sixth Civil District from what is now the new Sixth Civil District, and attaching the same to the present Seventh Civil District, so as to make the old Sixth and old Seventh constitute the new Seventh Civil District of said county.

"3. By detaching the territory which, prior to the Act of 1903, constituted the old Ninth Civil District of said county from what is now the Seventh Civil District of said county, and attaching said territory to the present Fifth Civil District of said county, so as to make the old Eighth and old Ninth Civil Districts constitute the Fifth Civil District of said county."

SEC. 2. That the wards or voting places remain as they now are.

SEC. 3. That the present district officials affected by this Act hold and administer their offices until the next regular county election, to be held in August, 1908, at which election district offices made vacant by this Act shall be filled, but none of the newly elected officers shall hold office under such election longer than the regular August election for the election of county officers in the year 1912.

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

SEC. 5. That this Act take effect on and after the first Thursday after the first Monday in August, 1908, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 4, 1907.

Private Acts of 1915 Chapter 575

COMPILER'S NOTE: Private Acts of 1915, Chapter 575 should be read in conjunction with Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 565 which can be found on the proceeding page.

SECTION 1. that an additional Civil District, to be known as the Eighth Civil District in Hawkins County, Tennessee, is hereby created from a part of the First Civil District of Hawkins County, Tennessee, said new, or Eighth Civil District bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in the line between Hamblen County and Hawkins County, and in the center of the public road, leading southwestwardly from what is known as the old Jacob Shepard farm to the town of Whitesburg; thence southwardly with the line between Hamblen and Hawkins Counties to a stake, corner to Hawkins, Hamblen, and Greene counties, thence with the line of Greene County northeastwardly to center of what is known as the Ward's Gap road; thence northwestwardly with said Ward's Gap road, the same being a public road, to a point in said road near the late Jacob Shepard's residence, where a public road extends southwestwardly from said Ward's Gap road; thence southwestwardly with said public road which extends Southwestwardly from said Ward's Gap road, toward the town of Whitesburg to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. that Election Commissioners for Hawkins County shall within four months after the passage of this Act, call an election for the purpose of electing for the Eighth Civil District of Hawkins County, Tennessee, two justices of the peace and one constable, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and that the expenses of said election shall be borne and paid by the County as such elections are now provided for by existing laws.

SEC. 3. that the election law known as the Dortch Law, which now applies to Hawkins County, shall apply to the district herein created, and that any law or part of a law in conflict with this section is hereby repealed as to this section, and that the Dortch Law shall apply to all of the Districts in Hawkins County, including this one.

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

Passed: May 14, 1915.

Private Acts of 1929 Chapter 565

SECTION 1. That Chapter 575 of the Private Acts of the 59th General Assembly, entitled An Act to Create the 8th Civil District in Hawkins County, Tennessee, etc., be and the same is hereby amended so as to detach from the first civil district adjoining and attach to the said 8th civil district that lands of E.J. Moore upon which he now resides, thereby throwing all the present lands of said Moore into the said 8th civil district.

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

Passed: April 3, 1929.

Private Acts of 1923 Chapter 485

SECTION 1. That an additional Civil District, to be known as the Ninth Civil District in Hawkins County, Tennessee, is hereby created from a part of the Seventh Civil District of Hawkins County, said new, or Ninth Civil District bounded as follows:

Beginning on north bank of Holston River at corner to Clay's and Owen's farms; thence down north bank of said river to corner of Flanagan's and Hord's farms, on said north bank of said Holston River; thence north with Hord's line to southwest corner of Anderson and Neil Housewrights's line; thence east with said Housewright's line to H. E. Richardson's line; thence with said Richardson's and Housewright's line to the road near the old Ike Myers' house; thence east with said road to the road leading from Church Hill to Carter's Valley road; thence northeast with this road to forks of road leading to Joe Calhoun's place and said forks of road being near house of Rosanah Cooper; thence east with road leading by Calhoun's place to forks of road near James Loyd's house; thence south with road leading by Mack Loyd's of corner of D.S. Mann's and the Thompson Loyd place; thence east with said line of Mann's and Loyd's to Pearce Messick's line; thence with Mann's and Messick's line to Mack Loyd's corner; thence east to the northeast corner of W.R. Montgomery's farm in Francisco's line; thence south with Montgomery's and Francisco's line to Mrs. Owens' corner; thence with Owen's east line to the beginning.

SEC. 2. That Election Commissioners for Hawkins County shall, within four months after the passage of this Act, call an election for the purpose of electing for the Ninth Civil District of Hawkins County, Tennessee, two Justices of the Peace and one Constable, who shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, and that the expenses of said election shall be borne and paid by the county as such elections are now provided for by existing laws, and Church Hill is hereby designated as the point to hold elections in said Ninth Civil District.

SEC. 3. That the election law, known as the Dortch Law, which now applies to Hawkins County, shall apply to the district herein created, and that any law or part of law in conflict with this Section is hereby repealed as to this section, and that the Dortch Law shall apply to all of the districts in Hawkins County, including this one.

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

Passed: March 29, 1923.

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