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## Public Acts of 1865-66 Chapter 39

**SECTION 1.** That the County-seat of Shelby county of this State, be, and is hereby removed to the fifth Civil District of said county, and within the corporate limits of the city of Memphis: Provided, That the Sheriff of said county of Shelby shall first after giving thirty days' public notice, open and hold an election at the usual places within said county, and a majority of the voters at said election shall indicate by their votes, a desire for said removal.

**SECTION 2.** That in the event of the said election resulting in favor of said removal, this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed: May 24, 1866.

## Public Acts of 1866-67 Chapter 38

WHEREAS, By an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, passed May 24, 1866, the removal of the County Seat of Shelby County from Raleigh to Memphis, was to be submitted to the voters of Shelby County, upon notice of the Sheriff; and whereas, the election was held on the 15th day of September, 1866, in pursuance of said Act of 24th May, 1866; and whereas, a majority of the votes polled in said election, was in favor of the removal of the County Seat of the County of Shelby from Raleigh to the 5th Civil District of Shelby County, and within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis: Therefore,

**SECTION 1.** That the removal of the County Seat of Shelby County, from Raleigh to the 5th Civil District of Shelby County, and within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis, is hereby ratified.

**SECTION 2.** That all Acts done, and Courts held, by the County Court of Shelby County, by virtue of the removal of the County Seat of Shelby County, from Raleigh to the 5th Civil District of said County, and within the corporate limits of the City of Memphis, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**SECTION 3.** That said Act, above referred to, passed 24th of May, 1866, be so amended as to authorize said County Seat of Shelby County, to be removed to, and located in, any Civil District within the corporate limits of the city of Memphis.

**SECTION 4.** That all laws, and parts of laws, in conflict with this Act, are hereby repealed; and that this Act take effect from and after its passage.

Passed: March 8, 1867.

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