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## Chapter IV - Boundaries

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### Creation of the County

#### Acts of 1824 Chapter 36

**SECTION 1.** That a county, to be called and known by the name of Fayette, be, and the same is hereby, established west of Hardeman and east of Shelby, beginning on the southwest corner of Hardeman county running thence north to the fifty sectional line in the tenth district; thence west to a point one mile west of the third range line in the eleventh district, the east county line, to the south boundary of the state; thence east on said south boundary line, to the beginning.

**SECTION 2.** That, for the due administration of justice for said county, the courts of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions and Circuit Courts of said county shall be held at the dwelling-house of Robert G. Thornton, until otherwise provided for by law to wit: the courts of Pleas and Quarter-Sessions on the first Monday in December, March, June, and September, and the Circuit Court on the fourth Monday in June and December, in each year, each term to be held one week, if necessary, under the same rules, regulations and restrictions, and to have and exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, that other courts of judicature, of like grades, in this state may have or possess.

**SECTION 3.** That the sheriff of said county shall open and hold an election, at the place of holding courts in said county, on the first Thursday, and succeeding day, of January, for the purpose of electing field officers for the militia of said county, under the same rules, regulations and restrictions pointed out by law in similar cases, and the militia of said county shall compose the \_\_\_ regiment.

**SECTION 4.** That it shall be the duty of the commandant of said regiment, having been first commissioned and sworn according to law, to divide his regiment into such number of companies as he shall think best for the convenience of said companies; and it shall further be the duty of the said commandant, to issue writs of election for company officers, according to law, as provided for in other cases of elections for company officers.

**SECTION 5.** That the commissioners appointed by an act of the present session of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to amend an act appointing commissioners to fix on the permanent seats of justice in the counties therein names," be, and they are hereby, directed to fix upon a site for the seat of justice for the county of Fayette, and that they have all the powers and privileges, an emoluments, in fixing upon the seat of justice in said county, as are given them in the said act, as well as the said act is intended to amend.

**SECTION 6.** That the aforesaid county of Fayette shall be attached to the fifteenth solicitorial district, and the eighth judicial circuit, in the state of Tennessee.

Passed: September 29, 1824.

### Change of Boundary Lines

#### Acts of 1821 Chapter 32

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** This section is the only section which applies to Fayette County, the remaining parts of the act did not apply.

**SECTION 7.** That the following described lines shall be the bounds of one other county which may hereafter be laid off west of the said last described bounds: Beginning on the south west corner of the last described bounds, running thence north to the 5th sectional line in the 10th district; thence west to a point one mile west of the 3d range line in the 11th district; thence south parallel with said range line to the south boundary of the state; thence east on said boundary to the beginning. And that the following described lines shall be the bounds of one other county which may hereafter be laid off north of Shelby county: Beginning on the line separating the 11th and 13th districts, at a point two miles west of the first range line in the 11th district; running thence west on said dividing line to the middle of the Mississippi river; thence down the main channel of the same to the north west corner of Shelby county; thence east with the north boundary of Shelby county, and the last mentioned bounds, to a point three miles east of the 2d range line in the 11th district; thence north parallel with the said line to the beginning. Which two last described bounds shall be attached, and be a part of Shelby County, until otherwise provided for by law, and shall enjoy all the privileges, and (be) subject to all the duties as citizens of Shelby county, with this exception, that no tax shall be laid or collected in the said bounds for the purpose of erecting public buildings in the county of Shelby.

Passed: November 7, 1821.

## Acts of 1883 Chapter 81

**SECTION 1.** That the line between the county of Tipton and the counties of Fayette and Shelby, be and the same is hereby changed as follows:

Beginning at a point on the line between Tipton and Fayette counties where the Memphis and Louisville railroad crosses East Beaver Creek; thence down said creek with its meanders to the point where the same empties into Middle Beaver Creek, on the line between Fayette and Shelby counties; thence up said Beaver Creek with its meanders to the south line of Tipton county, so as to include all territory of Shelby and Fayette counties lying north and east of said creeks, in Tipton county, and that all property real and personal within said territory be assessed for taxes after the year 1883, in said Tipton county: Provided, however, no tax shall be assessed on said property for the payment of bonds issued by the county of Tipton, under the general improvement laws of the State, to the Memphis and Paducah railroad.

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

Passed: March 13, 1883.

## Public Acts of 2023 Chapter 183

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** This Act is a special legislation that does not appear in Tennessee Code Annotated.

**SECTION 1.** The boundary line between Shelby County and Fayette County shall be revised so that the new boundary line is established as follows:

Starting at 881979.25, 339362.988 using state plane coordinate system feet to the north ROW line of U.S. Route 64 and also being the Shelby/Fayette Census County line used during the 2020 decennial census, then continuing to follow the north ROW line of U.S. Route 64 to 882208.999, 339462.774 being the southeast corner of the city of Arlington boundary and the north ROW of Braggs Drive. 882446.823, 347518.595 to 882678.993, 347556.253 north to 882999.026, 352890.871 being the north line of Donaldson Drive, then 883069.42, 352904.659 to 883088.68, 353336.334 to 882946.247, 353335.427 north to 883405.242, 359782.405 west 883159.589, 359801.227 north 883187.697, 360769.797 to 883183.462, 361179.937 then with a line identified as "county line" in the Fayette County parcel data 883494.906, 361324.25 then with a line identified as "county line" in the Fayette County parcel data 883199.561, 361485.534 then with a line identified as "county line" in the Fayette County parcel data 884030.465, 361643.962 then with a line identified as "county line" in the Fayette County parcel data 883502.208, 362294.051 northerly 883570.648, 362509.372, to 883621.035, 362788.147 then to the south ROW line of 1-40 883683.362, 363764.332 to 884088.462, 368912.876 to 884122.047, 369526.035 to south side of ROW 884183.894, 370489.372 crossing ROW 884184.303, 370519.051 to 884139.163, 371413.127 to 884117.892, 372149.138 to 884020.079, 374931.699 crossing railroad 884161.515, 378467.292 to north line of the city of Arlington boundary then southwesterly to 884078.532, 378415.714 being the Shelby/Fayette Census County line used during the 2020 decennial census.

**SECTION 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 24, 2023.

## Boundaries - Historical Notes

The following is a summary of acts which authorized boundary changes for Fayette County.

1. Acts of 1833, Chapter 46, stated that the line run and marked by John Thompson, the Commissioner appointed by the State of Tennessee, between the States of Tennessee and Mississippi, being the 35th Degree of North Latitude, was the official boundary between the two States. It was made the duty of the official Surveyors in Hardin, McNairy, Hardeman, Fayette, and Shelby Counties to recognize this line and to cause the boundaries of their counties to conform to it.
2. Acts of 1883, Chapter 125, changed the boundaries between Fayette County and Hardeman County beginning at the point where the south line of the land, owned by E. Chambers, crossed said line and run west 70 poles, then north 18 poles, then west 102½ poles, then north 214 poles, then east 136 poles, then north 165 poles, then east 22 poles to the said county line so as to include those lands now owned by E. Chambers, R. H. Beard, and J. W. Bass, within the limits of Hardeman County.

3. Private Acts of 1907, Chapter 429, moved the lands belonging to James Parsons, now included in Hardeman County, from that county into Fayette County.

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