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SECTION 1. That a new county be and the same is hereby established, north of Wayne county West of Hickman and south of Humphreys counties by the name of Perry County, which shall be bounded as follows, to wit: beginning at the south east corner of Humphreys county, running west, thence south, thence east, thence north to the beginning so as to include all the territory lying between Humphreys, Hardin, Wayne, and Hickman counties, and all that tract of territory included in the above described lines shall be included within the said county of Perry.

SECTION 2. That for the due administration of Justice, the first court of pleas and quarter-sessions and circuit courts and all subsequent courts, until otherwise provided for, shall be held at the house of James Yates, on Toms creek, or at such other place in said county as the justices in said county may adjourn from the said James Yates, to hold their courts after the first term under the same rules, regulations, and restrictions, and shall have and exercise the same powers and jurisdiction 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 the said county of Perry, to hold an election at the place of holding courts in said county on the first Thursday in April next, for the purpose of electing one colonel and two Majors for said county of Perry, 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 68th regiment, and be attached to the 6th Brigade.

SECTION 4. That the election for company officers for the county of Perry, 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 second Saturday in June next under the same rules, regulations and restrictions as are prescribed in like cases.

SECTION 5. That the county of Perry shall be a part of the district for electing a Governor, Representative to Congress, Electors to elect a President and Vice President of the United States, and members to the General Assembly, to which the county of Hickman belongs, and the elections be held at the place of holding courts in said county, at the time, and in the manner prescribed by law and that the Sheriff or returning officer of said county make a return of the polls at the town of Vernon.

SECTION 6. That the county courts shall be held in Perry county on the _____ Monday in _____.

SECTION 7. That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the said county of Perry to receive and receipt for the quantum of acts and journals of the present session.

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