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Utility Districts - Historical Notes

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Drainage and Levee Districts

The following acts once affected Obion County, or never received local approval.

1. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 693, amended Public Acts of 1909, Chapter 185, which was the authority to create and regulate levee and drainage districts in order to reclaim lowlands in various Sectors of the State, to grant to the citizens of Obion County owning lands within any of those districts, at their option, to pay at any time the full amount, or any portion thereof, of the drainage assessments and taxes against the said lands, to the Trustee of the County in which the lands are located, less any amount which might be allowed as a discount. The Trustee was then given the task of placing these funds in a bank at no less than 4% interest and pay the drainage taxes as they became due.
2. Private Acts of 1985, Chapter 24, would have amended Chapter 905 of the Private Acts of 1921, regarding the Reelfoot Levee District. The amendments would have transferred the duties of the Chairman of the Lake County Court of an administrative nature to the County Executive of Lake County, and transferred judicial duties to the Circuit Court. This Act was approved by the county legislative body in Lake County, but was never acted upon by the county legislative body of Obion County as prescribed in the Act and never became effective.

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