

CHAP. 144.—An act to divide the State of Louisiana into two judicial districts.

March 3, 1881.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the parishes of Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Union, Morehouse, West Carroll, East Carroll, Madison, Richland, Ouachita, Lincoln, Bienville, Red River, De Soto, Sabine, Winn, Natchitoches, Jackson, Caldwell, Franklin, Teusas, Concordia, Catahoula, Grant, Vernon, Rapides, Avoyelles, Saint Landry, La Fayette, Saint Martin's, Vermillion, Cameron, and Calcasieu, in the State of Louisiana, shall constitute, and is hereby created, the western judicial district in that State; and the district court now existing in Louisiana shall, from and after the passage of this act, be known as the district court for the eastern district of Louisiana, and all the parishes in said State not above named shall belong to said district.

Louisiana divided into two judicial districts.

Western judicial district.

Eastern district.

SEC. 2. That all suits not of a local nature in the circuit and district courts against a single defendant, inhabitant of said State, must be brought in the district where he resides, but if there are two or more defendants, residing in different districts, such suits may be brought in either district.

Provision for suits not of a local nature.

SEC. 3. That all prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter committed in either of said districts shall be cognizable within such district; and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses heretofore committed in the district of Louisiana shall be commenced and proceeded with as if this act had not been passed.

Prosecutions for crimes, etc., hereafter committed and heretofore committed; where triable.

SEC. 4. That all civil suits in law or equity which have arisen in the parishes composing said western district, or against persons residing therein, or concerning lands situated therein, and now pending, together with all process, writs, recognizances, and records belonging thereto, shall, with the consent of all the parties, be transferred to said western district.

Suits pending may be removed to western district.

SEC. 5. That there shall be held semi-annually in said district two stated sessions of the district and circuit courts, at each of the following places, to wit: At Opelousas, on the first Mondays of January and June; at Alexandria, on the fourth Mondays of January and June; at Shreveport, on the third Mondays of February and July; at Monroe, on the first Mondays of April and October.

Places of holding courts.

Terms of courts.

SEC. 6. That a person learned in the law shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, district judge thereof, with a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and with the same powers and duties as the district judge of the United States for the district of Louisiana as it now exists, and such as are conferred on him, or required of him, by this act. And the said judge shall appoint a clerk of the district court in the western district, and a clerk of the circuit court for said district shall be appointed in the same manner as other such clerks are appointed, and who shall receive for the services performed by them the same fees and compensation that are allowed to the clerks of such courts holding their sessions in New Orleans, in the same State, and shall be subject in every respect to the same restrictions and responsibilities, and the district and circuit courts for the eastern district of Louisiana shall be held in New Orleans, as heretofore. And it shall be the duty of the clerks of the district and circuit courts of the United States in New Orleans, whenever the courts shall so order, to transmit, by some safe conveyance, or to deliver to the clerks of the courts in the western district, or their order, the original papers in all such cases as properly belong to the court in the western district by the provisions of this act, together with a transcript of the proceedings had therein.

Judge to be appointed for western district.

Salary.
Powers and duties.

Clerks.

Compensation.

Transfer from courts in New Orleans of papers in cases belonging to the western district.

SEC. 7. That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint one person as marshal and one as district attorney for the said western district of the United States within the State of Louisiana created by this act; and that the terms of appointment and service together

Marshal and district attorney.

Duties.

with the duties and responsibilities of the said marshal and district attorney, respectively, for the district aforesaid shall be in all respects the same within their said district as the terms of appointment and services, the duties, and responsibilities of the marshal and district attorney, respectively, of the eastern district of the State of Louisiana

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CHAP. 145.—An act confirming and vesting the title to a certain tract of land in Burlington, Iowa, in the independent school district of said city.

Preamble.

Whereas, it is claimed that the word "west" after the words "Valley street" in the act confirming the title to a tract of land in the city of Burlington Iowa", approved July fourth, eighteen and sixty-eight (volume fifteen, page eighty two, United States Statutes at Large), is a clerical error, and that the word "east" should be inserted in lieu thereof: Therefore in order to properly confirm the title to the lot which was intended to be confirmed by such act,

1868, ch. 131,
15 Stat., 82,
amended.

Title of land in Burlington, Iowa, vested in the independent school district for school purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act confirming the title to a tract of land in Burlington Iowa" approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: That all of the title of the United States in and to a certain tract of land in the city of Burlington, Des Moines County, in the State of Iowa, described as being west of lot number nine hundred and seventy-eight in said city, south of Valley street, east of Boundary street, and north of Market street, as laid down on the plat of said city certified under the act of Congress of March third, eighteen hundred and thirty seven, by William W. Conell and George Cubbage, commissioners, and now on file in the General Land Office, and which was originally reserved from sale by the United States and dedicated to public burial purposes, be, and the same is hereby confirmed to and vested in the "independent school district" of said city, to be forever dedicated to and used by said school district for public school purposes, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

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CHAP. 146.—An act to establish an additional land district in the State of Kansas.

Southwestern land district, Kansas, established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following described territory in the State of Kansas, to wit: commencing at the southeast corner of township thirty-five, south range thirty-one west of the sixth principal meridian on the south boundary of the State of Kansas; thence west on said southern boundary to the western boundary of said State; thence north on said western boundary to the fourth standard parallel south; thence east along said parallel to the northeast corner of township twenty-one south, range thirty-one west, and thence south to the place of beginning, in the State of Kansas, shall constitute an additional land district, to be called the southwestern land district, the location for the office of which shall be designated by the President of the United States, and shall by him from time to time be changed, as the public interest may seem to require.

Register and receiver.

SEC. 2. That the President be, and he hereby is, authorized, whenever the public interest shall require, to appoint, in accordance with existing laws authorizing appointment to office, a register and a receiver for the district hereby created, who shall each be required to reside at the site of the office for said district, have the same powers, responsibilities, and emoluments, and be subject to the same acts and penalties which are, or may be, prescribed by law in relation to other land-offices of the United