

**CHAP. 351.**—An Act Authorizing the terms of the district court of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi to be held hereafter at Biloxi.

March 2, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the terms of the district court of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi, now required by law to be held at Mississippi City, shall hereafter be held at Biloxi.

Mississippi southern judicial district. Terms of court at Biloxi.

**SEC. 2.** That all processes heretofore or hereafter issued returnable at Mississippi City shall be returnable and proceeded with at Biloxi; and all bonds taken for appearances at Mississippi City are hereby made returnable and require the appearance of parties at Biloxi; and all causes, civil or criminal, heretofore triable at Mississippi City shall be triable and finally determinable at Biloxi.

Pending cases.

**SEC. 3.** That this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Effect.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

**CHAP. 352.**—An Act For increasing the efficiency of the Army of the United States, and for other purposes.

March 2, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the date of approval of this Act the Army of the United States shall consist of three major generals, six brigadier-generals, ten regiments of cavalry, seven regiments of artillery, twenty-five regiments of infantry, an Adjutant-General's Department, an Inspector-General's Department, a Judge-Advocate-General's Department, a Quartermaster's Department, a Subsistence Department, a Medical Department, a Pay Department, a Corps of Engineers, an Ordnance Department, a Signal Corps, thirty chaplains, to be assigned to regiments or posts in the discretion of the Secretary of War, the officers of the Record and Pension Office, the officers and enlisted men of the Army on the retired list, the professors, corps of cadets, an army-service detachment and band at the United States Military Academy, and such other officers and enlisted men as may hereinafter be provided for: *Provided,* That when a vacancy shall occur through death, retirement, or other separation from active service, in the office of storekeeper in the Quartermaster's Department and Ordnance Department, respectively, now provided for by law, said offices shall cease to exist.

Army. Composition of.

*Proviso.* Offices of store-keeper in Quartermaster's and Ordnance Departments to cease with present incumbent.

**SEC. 2.** That each regiment of cavalry shall consist of one colonel; one lieutenant-colonel; three majors; fourteen captains, two of whom shall be available for detail as adjutant and quartermaster; sixteen first lieutenants, of whom one shall be available for detail as commissary, and three for detail as squadron adjutants; twelve second lieutenants, two veterinarians, one sergeant-major, one quartermaster-sergeant, one commissary-sergeant, who shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a regimental quartermaster-sergeant of cavalry; three squadron sergeant-majors, who shall be senior to and have the pay and allowances of first sergeants of cavalry; one band; and twelve troops organized into three squadrons of four troops each: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed as abolishing the office of chaplain in each regiment of colored cavalry. Each cavalry band shall consist of one chief musician; one chief trumpeter; one principal musician; one drum major, who shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of a first sergeant; four sergeants; eight corporals; one cook, and eleven privates. Each troop of cavalry shall consist of one captain; one first lieutenant; one second lieutenant; one first sergeant; one quartermaster-sergeant, who shall have the pay and allowances of a sergeant; six sergeants, six corporals, two cooks, two farriers and blacksmiths, one saddler, one wagoner, two trumpeters, and forty-three privates. Of the veterinarians provided for in this Act, one shall have the pay and allowances of a second lieutenant of cavalry and one shall have the pay of seventy-five dollars per month and the allowances

Cavalry. Composition of regiments.

*Proviso.* Chaplain.

Band.

Troop, composition of.

Veterinarians. Pay, etc., of.