

**CHAP. 164.**—An Act To create a new division in the western judicial district of the State of Missouri.

January 24, 1901.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.* That a new division of the western judicial district of the State of Missouri, to be known as the southwestern division judicial district of Missouri, be, and the same is hereby, established, to be composed of the following counties, to wit: Jasper, Newton, Barton, Vernon, Barry, Lawrence, McDonald, and Stone; and said counties be, and the same are hereby, transferred to said southwestern division of said western district of Missouri; but no additional clerk or marshal shall be appointed in or for said division of said district.

Missouri, western judicial district. Southwestern division established.

—composition.

No additional clerk, etc.

Terms of court at Joplin.

**SEC. 2.** That terms of the circuit court and of the district court of the southwestern division judicial district of Missouri shall be held at Joplin, at said State, each year, on the second Mondays of June and of January, after this Act goes into effect.

Existing judicial officers to act, etc.

**SEC. 3.** That the clerks of the district and circuit courts for the western district of Missouri, and the marshal and attorney of the United States for said district, shall perform the duties appertaining to their offices, respectively, for said courts of said southwestern division judicial district, and the clerk's office of the said courts shall be at Springfield, where all records of said courts may be kept and all duties performed except when court is in session at Joplin; but should, in the judgment of the district judge, the business of said courts hereafter warrant a deputy clerk at Joplin, Missouri, new books and records may be opened for the courts herein created, and kept at Joplin, and a deputy clerk appointed to reside and keep his office at Joplin.

Clerk's office at Springfield.

Deputy clerk at Joplin.

**SEC. 4.** That all suits not of a local nature in said circuit and district courts against a single defendant, inhabitant of said State, must be brought in the division of the district where he resides; but if there are two or more defendants residing in different divisions of the district such suits may be brought in either division.

Suits against one or more defendants, where brought.

**SEC. 5.** That all prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter committed in either of the divisions of said district shall be cognizable within such division, and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses heretofore committed in the western district of Missouri, as heretofore constituted, shall be commenced and proceeded with as if this Act had not been passed.

Crimes, where prosecuted.

**SEC. 6.** That all grand and petit jurors summoned for service in each division shall be residents of such division. All mesne and final process, subject to the provisions hereinbefore contained, issued in either of said divisions, may be served and executed in either or any of the divisions.

Jurors.

Process.

**SEC. 7.** That in all cases of removal of suits from courts of the State of Missouri to the courts of the United States in the western district of Missouri such removal shall be to the United States courts in the division in which the county is situated from which the removal is made, and the time within which the removal shall be perfected, in so far as it refers to or is regulated by the terms of the United States courts, shall be deemed to refer to the terms of the United States courts held in said southwestern division judicial district.

Removal of suits.

**SEC. 8.** That this Act shall be in force from and after the first day of July, anno Domini nineteen hundred and one, and all Acts or parts of Acts so far as inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Effect. Repeal.

Approved, January 24, 1901.