

STATUTE II.

Feb. 21, 1825.

State of South Carolina divided into two districts, the eastern and western.

Eastern district court to be held in Charleston, as usual.

Western district court to have one annual session at Laurens Courthouse.

CHAP. XI.—*An Act to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts.* (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the state of South Carolina, be, and the same is hereby divided into two districts, in manner following, that is to say: the districts of Lancaster, Chester, York, Union, Spartanburg, Greenville, Pendleton, Abbeville, Edgefield, Newberry, Laurens, and Fairfield, shall compose one district, to be called the western district; and the residue of the state shall form one other district, to be called the eastern district. And the terms of the said district court, for the eastern district, shall be held in Charleston, at such times as they are now by law directed to be holden. And for the trial of all such criminal and civil causes, as are by law cognisable in the district courts of the United States which may hereafter arise or be prosecuted, or sued, within the said western district, there shall be one annual session of the said district court holden at Laurens Courthouse, to begin on the second Monday in May in each year; to be holden by the district judge of the United States of the state of South Carolina; and he is hereby authorized and directed to hold such other special sessions as may be necessary for the despatch of the causes in the said court, at such time or times as he may deem expedient, and may adjourn such special sessions to any other time previous to a stated session.

APPROVED, February 21, 1823.

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[Expired.]

Charter of Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria extended to March 3, 1836.

March 2, 1821, ch. 18.

Stockholders disagreeing from renewal, may compel the bank to refund their stock.

CHAP. XIV.—*An Act to extend the charter of the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act incorporating the Mechanics' Bank of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, be, and the same is hereby, extended and limited to the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, under and subject to all limitations, modifications, and conditions, as are enacted and applied to the other incorporated banks of the District of Columbia, by an act, entitled "An act to extend the charters of certain banks in the District of Columbia," which passed the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, if any stockholder or stockholders, in said bank, who have not assented to the renewal of the said charter, shall, within two months from the passing of this act, file his or their declaration, in writing, in the said bank, declaring himself or themselves dissatisfied with said renewal, and his or their determination to withdraw his or their interest from the same; and if the said bank cannot agree with such stockholder or stockholders, on the amount of such interest, and shall not forthwith pay the same, then it shall be lawful for the circuit court of the District of Columbia, at Alexandria, on the petition in writing of such stockholder or stockholders, to appoint three commissioners, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the value of the interest of such stockholder or stockholders, in said bank, for which purpose such commissioners shall, under the direction of said court, have access to the books, papers, and accounts, of said bank, and on the report of said commissioners, and such other evidence as may be laid before the said court, the said court shall proceed to ascertain the value of the interest of such stockholder or stockholders in said bank and shall adjudge and decree the value so ascertained, to be paid to him or them by the said bank,

(a) An act for altering the times of holding the circuit and district court in the state of South Carolina, May 25, 1824, ch. 145.