

Counties transferred to southern district. fore composing a part of the northern district of Ohio, be transferred to, and henceforth form a part of, the southern district of Ohio.

Term to be held at Columbus.

SEC. 2. A term of the circuit court and of the district court for the southern district of Ohio shall be held at Columbus in said State on the first Tuesday of the months of June and December in each year.

Southern district divided into eastern and western divisions.

SEC. 3. Said southern district shall be, and hereby is, divided into two divisions, to be known as the eastern and the western division of the southern district of Ohio. The eastern division shall consist of

Eastern division.

twenty-nine counties, to wit: Union, Delaware, Morrow, Knox, Coshoc-ton, Harrison, Jefferson, Madison, Fayette, Franklin, Pickaway, Ross, Pike, Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton, Athens, Hocking, Fairfield, Lick-ing, Perry, Muskingum, Morgan, Washington, Noble, Monroe, Belmont, and Guernsey; and the western division shall consist of the remaining counties in said district. But no additional clerk or marshal shall be appointed in said district.

Western division.

Suits.

SEC. 4. 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 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. All issues of fact in said suits shall be tried at a term of the court held in the division where the suit is so brought.

Issues of fact.

Crimes and offenses—Where cognizable.

Heretofore com-mitted.

SEC. 5. All prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter committed in either of the sub-divisions shall be cognizable within such division; and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses heretofore committed within either of said counties taken as aforesaid from the northern district, or committed in the southern district as hitherto constituted, shall be com-menced and proceeded with as if this act had not been passed.

Actions and pro-ceedings now pending at Cincinnati.

SEC. 6. Actions or proceedings now pending at Cincinnati, in said district, which would under this act be brought in the eastern division of said district, may be transferred, by the consent of all the parties, to said eastern division; and in case of such transfer, all papers and files therein, with copies of all journal-entries, shall be transferred to the deputy clerk's office at Columbus, and the same shall be proceeded with in all respects as though it originally commenced in the eastern division.

Jurors.

Process.

Service and exe-cution.

SEC. 7. 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 both of the divisions.

Removal of suits from State courts.

SEC. 8. In all cases of removal of suits from the courts of the State of Ohio to the courts of the United States in the southern district of Ohio, 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 in such division.

Takes effect March 1, 1880.

Repeal of con-flicting acts.

SEC. 9. This act shall be in force from and after the first day of March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty; and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 4, 1880.

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**CHAP. 19.**—An act to locate and purchase a new site for the United States Naval Observatory.

Commission to select a site for Naval Observa-tory.

Qualifications of site.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a commission be appointed to select a site for a new Naval Observatory, the said site if practicable to be upon an even degree of longitude west of Greenwich, and to possess the relative advantages of facility of access from the city of Washington, healthfulness, clearness of atmosphere, freedom from obstruction for the

horizon, and freedom from objectionable vibrations from traffic or other causes, with ability to have sufficient water supply.

The commission shall consist of one member of the Senate Naval Committee, to be chosen by the President of the Senate, one member of the House Naval Committee, to be chosen by the Speaker of the House, and the Superintendent of the Naval Observatory.

Commissioners,  
how designated.

SEC. 2. That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to purchase said site; but five thousand dollars of said sum is reserved for incidental expenses of selecting said site, and for detailed drawings, plans, and estimates for said new observatory. But no money shall be paid for said site until the Attorney-General shall have given a favorable opinion as to the sufficiency of the title of said selected site.

Appropriation  
for purchase of  
site, &c.  
Distribution.

SEC. 3. That upon selection of a site for said observatory by said commission, they shall report their action to the President, who shall direct the Secretary of the Navy to make the purchase of such site, taking title thereto in the name of the United States.

Title.  
Commission to  
report.

Approved, February 4, 1880.

**CHAP. 21.**—An act for the erection of a public building at Danville, Virginia.

Feb. 11, 1880.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be constructed, at Danville, Virginia, a building for the accommodation of the circuit and district courts of the United States, the post-office, and internal-revenue officers, at a cost not exceeding seventy thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall procure the site and cause proper plans and estimates to be made so that no expenditure shall be made or authorized for the full completion of said building beyond the sum hereby appropriated, and the building shall be at least forty feet removed from any other building: *Provided,* That no money shall be used or applied for the purpose mentioned until a valid title for the site shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of Virginia shall cede to the general government jurisdiction over the property, and exempt the same from taxation.

Danville, Va.  
Public building.  
U. S. courts.  
Post-office.  
Internal Revenue  
officers.  
Appropriation.

Proviso.

Approved, February 11, 1880.

**CHAP. 22.**—An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for contingent expenses of the Senate and House of Representatives

Feb. 11, 1880.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of four thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet the deficiency in the appropriation for furniture and repairs of the same for the House of Representatives for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty. That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet certain contingent expenses of the Senate, namely:

Deficiency ap-  
propriation for  
House of Repre-  
sentatives.

Deficiency ap-  
propriations for  
Senate.

Items, 1880.

For miscellaneous items, exclusive of labor, for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and eighty, twenty thousand dollars.

For furniture, and repairs of the same, for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, twelve dollars.

Items, 1879.

Approved, February 11, 1880.