

Feb. 28, 1887.

CHAP. 273.—To provide for holding terms of United States courts at Texarkana, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

Arkansas, eastern judicial district.
Term to be held at Texarkana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the eastern judicial district for the State of Arkansas shall be held twice in each year at the city of Texarkana, in said eastern judicial district, commencing on the second Mondays in January and July, to be known as the Texarkana division of said district.

Texarkana division.
Proviso.
Crimes, etc.

SEC. 2. That all process, civil and criminal, against persons residing in the counties of Columbia, Howard, Hempstead, La Fayette, Little River, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, and Sevier, shall be made returnable to said courts, respectively, at said city of Texarkana: *Provided,* That all crimes and offenses heretofore committed within the division created by this act shall be prosecuted, tried and determined in the same manner and with the same effect as if this act had not been passed.

Deputy clerk at Texarkana.

SEC. 3. That the clerk of the courts for said district shall appoint a deputy for the said division, who shall keep an office open at all times in the city of Texarkana, and shall there keep the records, files, and documents pertaining to the courts authorized by this act.

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CHAP. 274.—An act to provide for an additional associate justice of the supreme court of the Territory of New Mexico.

New Mexico.
Supreme court.
R. S., sec. 1864,
p. 330.
Additional justice.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the supreme court of the Territory of New Mexico shall consist of a chief justice and three associate justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the President to appoint one additional associate justice of said supreme court in manner now provided by law, who shall hold his office for the term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Territory divided into four districts.

SEC. 3. That the said Territory shall be divided into four judicial districts, and a district court shall be held in each district by one of the justices of the supreme court, at such time and place as may be prescribed by law. Each judge, after assignment, shall reside in the district to which he is assigned.

Supreme court to make division.

SEC. 4. That the present chief justice and his associates are hereby vested with power and authority, and they are hereby directed, to divide said Territory into four judicial districts, and make such assignments of the judges provided for in the first section of this act as shall in their judgment be meet and proper.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. That the said district court shall have jurisdiction, and the same is hereby vested, to hear, try, and determine all matters and causes that the courts of the other districts of the Territory now possess; and for such purposes two terms of said court shall be held annually, at such places within said district as may be designated by the chief justice and his associates, or a majority of them; and grand and petit jurors shall be summoned thereon in the manner now required by law.

Jurors.

Offenses.

SEC. 6. That all offenses committed before the passage of this act shall be prosecuted, tried, and determined in the same manner and with the same effect (except as to the number of judges) as if this act had not passed.

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