

**CHAP. 786.**—An act to provide for the issuing and recording of certain commissions in the Department of Justice.

August 8, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter the commissions of all judicial officers, including marshals and attorneys of the United States, appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and all other commissions heretofore prepared at the Department of State upon the requisition of the Attorney-General, shall be made out and recorded in the Department of Justice, and shall be under the seal of said Department and countersigned by the Attorney-General, any laws to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided,* That the said seal shall not be affixed to any such commission before the same shall have been signed by the President of the United States.

Department of Justice.  
Commissions of judicial officers to be issued from.

*Proviso.*  
Seal.

Approved, August 8, 1888.

**CHAP. 787.**—An act requiring notice of deficiency in accounts of principals to be given to sureties upon bonds of United States officials, and fixing a limitation of time within which suits shall be brought against said sureties upon said bonds.

August 8, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter, whenever any deficiency shall be discovered in the accounts of any official of the United States, or of any officer disbursing or chargeable with public money, it shall be the duty of the accounting officers making such discovery to at once notify the head of the Department having control over the affairs of said officer of the nature and amount of said deficiency, and it shall be the immediate duty of said head of Department to at once notify all obligors upon the bond or bonds of such official of the nature of such deficiency and the amount thereof. Said notification shall be deemed sufficient if mailed at the post-office in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, addressed to said sureties respectively, and directed to the respective post-offices where said obligors may reside, if known; but a failure to give or mail such notice shall not discharge the surety or sureties upon such bond.

Sureties on official bonds.  
Notice of principal's deficiency to be immediately communicated.

**SEC. 2.** That if, upon the statement of the account of any official of the United States, or of any officer disbursing or chargeable with public money, by the accounting officers of the Treasury, it shall thereby appear that he is indebted to the United States, and suit therefor shall not be instituted within five years after such statement of said account, the sureties on his bond shall not be liable for such indebtedness.

Sureties released after five years without suit.

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**CHAP. 788.**—An act to provide for a term of court at Quincy, Illinois.

August 8, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter, and until otherwise provided by law, there shall be held annually, on the first Monday in September, a term of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the southern district of Illinois, at the city of Quincy, in said district; said term to be in addition to the terms now required by law to be held at the cities of Springfield and Cairo, in said district.

Quincy, Ill.  
Term of courts to be held at.

R. S., secs. 572, 658, pp. 99, 130.

**SEC. 2.** That the marshal and clerk of said district shall each, respectively, appoint at least one deputy to reside in said city of Quincy, unless he shall reside there himself, and also maintain an office at that place of holding court.

Deputies.

Special terms.

SEC. 3. That the judge of the United States circuit or district court for said district, may, by order, from time to time, appoint and hold additional special terms of said court in said district, for the disposal of the unfinished business thereof, whenever the interest of the public and the condition of the docket shall so require.

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**CHAP. 789.**—An act to subdivide the western judicial district of Louisiana.

Louisiana.  
Return of process in  
western judicial dis-  
trict.

Opelousas.

Alexandria

Shreveport.

Monroe.

Defendants in differ-  
ent divisions.

Causes to be tried  
in division of process.

Crimes.

*Proriso.*  
Pending trials.

Jurors.

Deputies.

Removals from State  
courts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all processes from the circuit and district courts of the United States from the western district of Louisiana against defendants residing in the parishes of Saint Landry, Saint Martin, Cameron, Calcasieu, La Fayette, and Vermillion, in the State of Louisiana, shall be returned to said courts at Opelousas; all process against defendants residing in the parishes of Rapides, Vernon, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Grant, and Winn shall be returned to Alexandria; all processes against defendants residing in the parishes of Caddo, De Soto, Bossier, Webster, Claiborne, Bienville, Natchitoches, Red River, and Sabine, shall be returned to Shreveport; and all processes against defendants residing in the parishes of Ouachita, Franklin, Richland, Morehouse, East Carroll, West Carroll, Madison, Tensas, Concordia, Union, Caldwell, Jackson, and Lincoln shall be returned to Monroe.

SEC. 2. That if there be more than one defendant and they reside in different divisions of the district, the plaintiff may sue in either division, and send duplicate writ or writs to the other defendants; and the said writs, when executed and returned into the court from which they issued, shall constitute one suit and be proceeded in accordingly.

SEC. 3. That all causes triable in either of the courts of said western district shall be tried in the division to which the process is returnable under the provisions of this act, unless by consent of all parties the cause be removed to some other division of said district.

SEC. 4. That all prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter committed in either of the divisions shall be cognizable within such division: *Provided,* That all crimes and offenses heretofore committed within the divisions 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.

SEC. 5. That all grand and petit jurors summoned for service in each division shall be residents of such division.

SEC. 6. That a deputy clerk of the district court shall be appointed at each place in the four divisions of said western district where said court is required to be held, each of whom, in the absence of the clerk, may exercise all the official powers of clerk at the place and within the division for which he is appointed.

SEC. 7. That causes removed from any court of the State of Louisiana into the circuit court of the United States within said western district shall be removed to the circuit court in the division in which such State court is held.

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**CHAP. 790.**—An act providing for the holding of the United States courts in the city of Newark, New Jersey.

New Jersey.  
Causes in United  
States courts may be  
tried in Newark.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That at each term of the circuit and district courts of the United States to be holden in and for the district of New Jersey, it shall be lawful for the judge