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Civil Districts

Private Acts of 1933 Chapter 632

SECTION 1. That the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Civil Districts of Cheatham County, Tennessee, as now constituted and existing, and as constituted under Chapter 170 of the Private Acts of 1917 of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, be and the same are hereby abolished.

SECTION 2. That the territory embraced within the boundaries of Cheatham County, Tennessee, shall be, and the same is divided into sixteen civil districts, which civil districts created by this Act shall be and exist as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT:

Beginning at the mouth of Sycamore Creek, being junction of said Creek and Cumberland River; thence, running up the center of said creek, generally Eastwardly, with the meanders thereof, to the West boundary line of the lands owned by the heirs of A. P. Jackson, deceased, near Sycamore Powder Mills site; thence, leaving said creek, and running generally Southwardly, then Eastwardly, then Northwardly, with the outside boundary lines of the lands of said A. P. Jackson's heirs, and so as to leave said lands in the Third Civil District, to the Southwest corner of the lands now owned by Minnie Morris and others (known as the Perry or Doss farm), at a point in the center of the public road leading from the old Sycamore Powder Mills site to the Bearwallow road; thence, with the center of said public road, to the center of said Bearwallow road at the residence of the heirs of W. F. Binkley, deceased; thence, with the center of the Bearwallow road, generally Eastwardly, to a point where the Bandy road intersects said Bearwallow road, at the Wilson farm now owned by Murff Bros; thence, with the center of said Bandy road, generally Southwardly and Southeastwardly, to the public road leading from Dry Fork Creek to Marrowbone Creek, near the premises of Sam Newman; thence, with the center of said last mentioned public road, generally Southeastwardly, crossing Marrowbone Creek at the Rose farm, now owned by S. A. Marable, and continuing on to the Davidson County line near Mt. Pleasant school; thence, with said Davidson County line, Westwardly, to the South bank of Cumberland river at low water mark; thence, down the South bank of said river, at low water mark to the corner between the lands of Rigo Manufacturing Company and J. E. Gibbs; thence, generally Southwardly, with the East boundary line of said lands of J. E. Gibbs, so as to include said lands in the First Civil District, to the Southwest corner of said lands; thence, generally Westwardly, with the outside boundary lines of the lands of J. E. Gibbs, D. W. Hudgens (the F. P. Pace lands), Frances Harper, P. E. Hagewood (the Dr. G. S. Allen lands), Southern Trust Company (the T. B. Pardue lands), and the lands known as the "T. J. Adkisson lands" now owned by Mrs. Bettie Johns, Southern Trust Company, W. B. Adkisson, Frances Harris and Corinne Harris, Mrs. Lena Lenox, and S. H. Adkisson, to the boundary line of the lands of H. W. Blankenship; thence, generally Northwardly, with the line between said Blankenship and S. H. Adkisson, to the South bank of Cumberland river, at low water mark; thence down the South bank of said river, at low water marks, with the meanders thereof, to a point opposite the mouth of Sycamore Creek; thence generally Northeastwardly across said river to the beginning.

SECOND DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the center of Sycamore Creek, in the Robertson County line, also corner of the Fourteenth District hereinafter described; running thence down the center of said creek, with the meanders thereof, to the East boundary line of the lands of the heirs of A. P. Jackson, deceased, corner of the Morris land, a short distance above the Sycamore Powder Mills site; thence generally Southwardly, with the line between the lands of Morris and said Jackson heirs to a point in the center of the road leading from old Sycamore Powder Mills site to the Bearwallow road, said point being Southwest corner of said Morris land, and a corner of the First District hereinabove described; thence, with the line of said First District, as hereinabove described, generally Eastwardly and Southeastwardly, to the Davidson County line near Mt. Pleasant School; thence, generally Northwardly and Westwardly, with said Davidson County line to the Robertson County line, and continuing with said Robertson County line to Sycamore Creek, the beginning.

THIRD DISTRICT

Beginning at a point in the center of Sycamore Creek, at the mouth of Spring Creek, a corner of the Fifth District hereinafter described, and running up Spring Creek to a point near the John Krantz farm, where the Spring Creek public road leaves said creek and runs up a hill; thence with the center of said public

road to the junction of same with the old Clarksville and Nashville Dirt Pike; thence, with the center of said Dirt Pike, or public road, generally Southeastwardly, to the center of Sycamore Creek, at the Midway Mills bridge; thence, down said creek, with the center of same, to the East boundary line of the lands owned by the heirs of A. P. Jackson, deceased, at Morris' corner, also a corner of the Second District hereinabove described, and a short distance above the Sycamore Powder Mills site; thence, generally Southwardly, with the line between Morris and Jackson heirs to corner of the First District herein-above described; thence continuing with the line of said First District, generally Southwardly, then Westwardly, then Northwardly, with the outside boundary lines of said A. P. Jackson's heirs lands, so as to include same herein, to a point in the center of Sycamore Creek, in Denny's line; thence down said creek, with the center and meanders of same, to the beginning.

FOURTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the center of the old Clarksville and Nashville Dirt Pike, at the junction of the Spring Creek public road with same, at the residents of R. F. Freeman, also a corner of the Third District hereinabove described; thence, generally Northwardly, with the center of said Dirt Pike to the corner between the lands of R. F. Freeman and James Long; thence Eastwardly, with the line between said Freeman and Long to the boundary line of Irvin Teasley's farm; thence, generally Northwardly, with the West boundary lines of the lands of Irvin Teasley, Phinaes Trent (Hallums farm), Dr. Felts (Gracy farm), and the Murray farm, to the Robertson County line; thence, generally Westwardly, with said Robertson County line to the Montgomery County line; thence, continuing in same general direction, with said Montgomery County line, to the ford across Halfpone Creek at the Jimmie Hunter place; thence generally Southwardly, with public road, for about one mile, to the intersection of the Thomasville and Henrietta public road at lower edge of the old Moore farm; thence, Southwardly, with the West boundary line of lands of Wm. R. Harris to the center of Raccoon Creek; thence, up said creek, with the center thereof, in general Eastwardly direction, to the East boundary line of the lands of R. M. Nicholson; thence, Southwardly, with the East boundary line of said R. M. Nicholson's lands, to the center of the Dry Fork of Halfpone Creek; thence up said creek, in Eastwardly direction to the road leading from W. H. Walker place to the Lee Morris place; thence, Eastwardly, with Spring Creek public road to the beginning.

FIFTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the center of Sycamore Creek, at the mouth of Spring Creek corner of Third District above described; thence running up Spring Creek to a point near John Krantz farm, where Spring Creek public road leaves said Creek and runs up a hill; thence, with the center of said public road, passing by R. F. Herron's residence, and to the West boundary line of the lands of R. F. Freeman; thence Westwardly, with the W. H. Walker and Lee Morris road to the center of Dry Fork of Halfpone Creek; thence down said creek, with center and meanders thereof, to the point where the Lockertsville and Bethel public road crosses said creek, at the George Carney (now Emma Harris Jarrell place); thence, Southwardly with the center of said road, continuing on by the farm of T. E. Shearron, to the line between the farms of Jack Shearron and James Read; thence Southwardly, along the East pone Church; thence Southwardly, down a hollow leading through the old Abner Edwards farm to the center of the Sycamore Creek, at Wall's Fork; thence, up the center of Sycamore Creek, to the beginning.

SIXTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the North edge of Cumberland river, at low water mark; at the mouth of Halfpone Creek; thence running up the center of Halfpone Creek to a point in the center thereof at the mouth of Raccoon Creek at the West boundary line of the lands of Wm. R. Harris, and corner of Fourth District above described; thence, Northwardly, with the West line of said lands of Wm. R. Harris to a point in the center of the Thomasville and Henrietta public road; thence, Eastwardly, with the center of said road, to the junction of said road with the Jimmie Hunter and George Weakley road; thence up the center of the latter road, Northwardly, to the Montgomery County line at or near Halfpone Creek; thence Westwardly, with said Montgomery County line, to the North edge of Cumberland river, at low water mark; thence, up said river, at low water marks, to the beginning.

SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the North edge of Cumberland river, at the mouth of Fall Creek, a corner of the Sixteenth District hereinafter described; thence running up the center of said creek, an Eastwardly direction to the center of the road leading from the lands of B. B. Chambliss near his residence, to the Neptune and Ashland City public road; thence with said road to a point in the center of said Neptune and Ashland City public road, near the residence of T. L. Pinson; thence, with the center of the W. I. Barton lands, at the Smith grave yard; thence, Northwardly, with the East boundary line of said Barton's lands, to a point in the center of Dry Fork of Halfpone Creek, a corner of the Sixteenth District hereinafter mentioned; thence, down the center of said Dry Fork Creek, with the boundary lines of the Fifteenth District hereinafter described, to a point in the center of Halfpone Creek, at the mouth of said Dry Fork

Creek, a corner of said Fifteenth District; thence, down the center of said Halfpore Creek to a point in Cumberland river, at the mouth of said creek, and at low water mark; thence, up the North edge or bank of Cumberland river, with its meanders at low water mark, to the beginning.

EIGHTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point on the Southside of Cumberland river, where the boundary lines of Cheatham, Montgomery and Dickson Counties meet; and running thence, generally Eastwardly and Northwardly, with the Dickson County line to Cumberland river; thence down said river, with the meanders of same, generally Westwardly or Northwestwardly, to the Montgomery County line; thence, generally Southwestwardly, with the Montgomery County line, to the beginning.

NINTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point on the South Bank of Cumberland river, at low water mark, at the corner between the lands of Rigo Manufacturing Company and J. E. Gibbs; thence, generally Southwardly, with the East boundary line of said J. E. Gibbs lands, passing his Southwest corner, and continuing a straight course to a point on a ridge in the center of an old road known as the "Robertson Road"; thence, generally Southeastwardly, with the center and meanders of said "Robertson Road", to a point in the center of the old Charlotte pike or road; thence, generally Northeastwardly, with the center of said Charlotte pike or road, to the Davidson County line, thence generally Northwardly with said Davidson County line, to Cumberland river; thence down the South bank of Cumberland river, at low water mark, to the beginning.

TENTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the center of the Memphis to Bristol Highway, or State Highway No. 1, where the east boundary line of Dickson County crosses the same; thence running generally Eastwardly, with the center of said highway to center of the Dog Creek bridge over Harpeth River, corner of the Eleventh District and the Twelfth District hereinafter described; thence, down the center of Harpeth River to the mouth of Dog Creek; thence Eastwardly, up the center of said creek to the old Charlotte Pike; thence along the enter of said old pike to the point where the "Robertson Road" intersects the same, a corner of the Ninth District hereinabove described; thence, Northwestwardly, with the center of said "Robertson Road," and with the line of District Nine, to a point nearest the head of Sulphur Creek; thence, with the center of said Sulphur Creek, Westwardly, and continuing with the North Fork of said creek, and with the line of the Thirteenth District, to the Harpeth River, and the Dickson County line; thence, Southwestwardly and Southwardly, with the Dickson County line to the beginning.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the center of the Memphis to Bristol Highway, or State Highway No. 1, where the east boundary line of Dickson County crosses said highway; and running thence southwardly with the Dickson County line to the Williamson County line; thence, eastwardly, with the Williamson County line, to the Davidson County line; thence, continuing eastwardly with the Davidson County line to a point in the center of the South Harpeth River, where said road crosses said river; thence, down said South Harpeth River; thence, down said Big Harpeth River, with the center and meanders thereof, to a point at the mouth of Hales Branch; thence, up said branch, with the center thereof to a point in the center of State Highway No. 1, or the Memphis to Bristol Highway, and where said Highway crosses said branch; thence, westwardly, with the center and meanders of said State Highway No. 1, or the Memphis to Bristol Highway, to the beginning; and that the correct description of said Eleventh Civil District of Cheatham County, Tennessee shall hereafter be the description last hereinabove set out.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 473

TWELFTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the center of Harpeth River, at the mouth of Dog Creek, a corner of the Tenth District hereinabove described; thence, Southwardly and Eastwardly, with the center of said Harpeth River to a point in the center of the new concrete bridge over said river on State Highway No. 1, or the Memphis to Bristol Highway; thence, Eastwardly, with the center and meanders of said highway, and with the line of said Eleventh District, to a point in the center of said highway at Hales Branch; thence, down said branch with the center and meanders thereof, to a point in the center of Big Harpeth River; thence, up said Big Harpeth River; thence, up said South Harpeth River, with the center and meanders thereof to a point in said river where the South Harpeth public road crosses the same; thence, with the center of said public road to the Davidson County line, and a corner of said Eleventh District; thence, eastwardly and northwardly, with the Davidson County line, to the center of the Old Charlotte Pike, a corner of the Ninth District hereinabove described; thence, westwardly, with the center of said pike; thence, down the center of said creek, to the beginning; and that the correct description of said Twelfth Civil District of Cheatham County, Tennessee, shall hereafter be the description last hereinabove set out.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 473

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the Dickson County line, at the junction of the North Fork of Sulphur Creek and Harpeth River, a corner of the Tenth District; thence, Eastwardly, with the center of said Sulphur Creek to the head of same at a point nearest the old "Robertson Road;" thence, continuing on to said road in a straight line, and with the line of the said Tenth District; thence with said road, and the line of the Ninth District, to the Southwest corner of the lands of J. E. Gibbs; thence generally Westwardly, with the outside boundary lines of the lands of J. E. Gibbs, D. W. Hudgens (the F. P. Pace lands), Frances Harper, P. E. Hagewood (the Dr. G. S. Allen lands), Southern Trust Company (the T. C. Pardue lands), and the lands known as the "T. J. Adkisson lands" now owned by Mrs. Bettie Johns, Southern Trust Company, W. B. Adkisson, Frances Harris and Corinne Harris, Mrs. Lena Lenox and S. H. Adkisson, to the boundary line of the lands of H. W. Blankenship and S. H. Adkisson, to the South bank of Cumberland River, at low water mark; thence down the South bank of said river, at low water mark, to the Dickson County line; thence, generally Southwardly, with the Dickson County line, to the beginning.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the center of Sycamore Creek, in the South boundary line of Robertson County, a corner of the Second District; thence, generally Westwardly, with the Robertson County line, to the West boundary of the Murray farm, a corner of the Fourth District; thence, general Southwardly, with the line of the Fourth District, and the West boundary lines of the Murray farm and the lands of Dr. Felts (Gracy farm), Phineas Trent (Hallums farm), and Irvin Teasley, to the corner between Long and Freeman; thence with the line between Long and Freeman, Westwardly, to the center of the Clarksville and Nashville Dirt Pike; thence, with the center of pike, Southwardly and Southeastwardly, to a point in the center of the Sycamore Creek, at Midway Mills bridge, a corner of the Third District, and in the West boundary line of the Second District; thence, up the center of said Sycamore Creek, with the line of the Second District, to the beginning.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point in the center of Halfpone Creek, at the mouth of the Dry Fork of said creek; thence up Dry Fork, with the center of same, to the East boundary line of the R. M. Nicholson lands; thence Northwardly, with the East boundary line of said R. M. Nicholson farm to a point in the center of Raccoon Creek; thence down the center of said creek to a point in the center of Halfpone Creek; thence down the center of said creek to the beginning.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT:

Beginning at a point on the South bank of the Cumberland river, at low water mark, in the line of the Thirteenth District, opposite the mouth of Sycamore Creek, and a corner of the First District; thence Northeastwardly, across said river with the line of the First District, to the mouth of Sycamore Creek; thence continuing with the line of the First District, and up the center of said creek, to a point at Wall's Ford, a corner of the Fifth District; thence, Northwardly, with the line of the Fifth District, up a hollow leading through the old Abner Edwards farm to old Halfpone Church; thence Northwardly, along the East boundary line of the lands of Henry Reed and Jack Shearron to the line between the farms of Jack Sherron and James Read; thence, with the center of the Lockertsville and Bethel public road, on by the farm of T. E. Shearron and to the point where said road crosses the Dry Fork of Halfpone Creek at the George Carney (now Emma Harris Jarrell) place; thence down said Dry Fork Creek, with the center of same, to the East boundary line of the W. I. Barton place; thence Southwardly, with the East boundary line of said W. I. Barton place, to a point in the center of the Neptune and Ashland City public road, at the Smith grave yard; thence, Eastwardly, with the center of said road, to a point near the residence of T. L. Pinson, where the road leading from the lands of B. B. Chambliss intersects said Ashland City and Neptune road; thence, with the center of B. B. Chambliss road, and with the line of the Seventh District, to a point in the center of Fall Creek, near said B. B. Chambliss' residence; thence down the center of said Fall Creek to Cumberland River; thence up said river to the beginning.

SECTION 3. That two magistrates or justices of the peace shall be elected from each of the foregoing districts, also one additional magistrate or justice of the peace from the district in which the County Seat is located, and one additional magistrate or justice of the peace from each incorporated town in said county; also that two constables shall be elected from the First District, and one Constable from each of the other districts hereinabove described; and all of said officers to be elected in the manner now provided by law.

SECTION 4. That the voting precincts in the respective districts hereinabove described shall be located at the following places: First District, Ashland City; Second District, Mt. Zion; Third District, Cochran School House; Fourth District Thomasville; Fifth District, Lockertsville; Sixth District, Henrietta; Seventh District, Neptune; Eighth District, New Hope School House; Ninth District, Sams Creek School House; Tenth

District, Cedar Hill School House; Eleventh District, Kingston Springs; Twelfth District, Pegram; Thirteenth District, Emory Place; Fourteenth District, Ethel; and Sixteenth District, Cheap Hill.

SECTION 5. That no changes shall hereafter be made in any of the district lines as hereinabove set out, except by legislative enactment.

SECTION 6. That if any section, paragraph, clause or portion of this Act should be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such action shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, paragraphs, clauses or portions of this Act, but same remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby expressly repealed, and that this Act take effect from and after the first day of September, 1936, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 19, 1933.

COMPILER'S NOTE: This act established the civil districts, which are not the county legislative body member (county commissioner) districts. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-1-111 now provides that districts for county legislative body members are to be established by a resolution of the county legislative body at least once every ten years.

Elections - Historical Notes

The following is a listing of acts for Cheatham County which affected the elective process, but which have been superseded or repealed. They are listed here for historical and reference purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 170, was a redistricting act which divided Cheatham County into six civil districts, thereby abolishing the old Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Civil Districts. This was amended by Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 444, to provide that one magistrate and one constable were to be elected by the legal voters of every incorporated town.
2. Private Acts of 1949, Chapter 817, set the salary of election officers in Cheatham County at \$2.50 per day except in precincts with more than five hundred registered voters, where they would receive \$5 daily. These salaries are not set by the general law found in T.C.A. 2-4-109.

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