

burg on the third Tuesday of April and first Tuesday of October. At Martinsburg on the third Tuesday of October. And the circuit court shall be held at Parkersburg, beginning on the second Tuesday of January and second Tuesday of June of each year.

—southern district.

That the regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the southern district of West Virginia shall begin at the following times and places in each year: At Charleston on the first Tuesday of May and second Tuesday of November. At Huntington, in the county of Cabell, on the first Tuesday of April and third Tuesday of September. At Bluefield, in the county of Mercer, on the first Tuesday of June and the first Tuesday of December.

Adjournment, etc.

SEC. 10. That the terms of said courts shall not be limited to any particular number of days, nor shall it be necessary to adjourn by reason of the intervention of a term elsewhere; but the court intervening may be adjourned until the business of the court in session is concluded.

Adjournment in case of nonattendance of judge.

R. S., sec. 584, p. 103.

Jurisdiction of future crimes, etc.

SEC. 11. That the provisions of section five hundred and eighty-four of the Revised Statutes are hereby extended to said districts hereby created.

SEC. 12. That all prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter committed in either of said districts shall be cognizable within the district in which committed, and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses committed before the passage of this Act in which indictments have not been found or proceedings instituted shall be cognizable within the district as hereby constituted in which such crimes or offenses were committed.

Repeal.

SEC. 13. That all laws and parts of laws so far as inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Effect.

SEC. 14. That this Act shall take effect on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and one.

Approved, January 22, 1901.

January 22, 1901.

**CHAP. 106.**—An Act To authorize the Postmaster-General to lease suitable premises for use of the Post-Office Department.

Postal service. Lease of premises for rural free-delivery system authorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster-General be empowered to lease suitable premises in the city of Washington for the purposes of the rural free-delivery system, at a cost not to exceed four thousand dollars per annum, payable out of the appropriation for that service.

Approved, January 22, 1901.

January 22, 1901.

**CHAP. 107.**—An Act To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for transcripts of records and plats in the General Land Office.

General Land Office. Deficiency appropriation for transcripts of records and plats.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of nine thousand three hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation made for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and one, for furnishing transcripts of records and plats, General Land Office, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided,* That copyists employed under this appropriation shall be selected by the Secretary of the Interior at a compensation of two dollars per day while actually employed, at such times and for such periods as exigencies of the work may demand.

Proviso. Employment of copyists.

Approved, January 22, 1901.

**CHAP. 164.**—An Act To create a new division in the western judicial district of the State of Missouri.

January 24, 1901.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a new division of the western judicial district of the State of Missouri, to be known as the southwestern division judicial district of Missouri, be, and the same is hereby, established, to be composed of the following counties, to wit: Jasper, Newton, Barton, Vernon, Barry, Lawrence, McDonald, and Stone; and said counties be, and the same are hereby, transferred to said southwestern division of said western district of Missouri; but no additional clerk or marshal shall be appointed in or for said division of said district.

Missouri, western judicial district. Southwestern division established.

—composition.

No additional clerk, etc.

**SEC. 2.** That terms of the circuit court and of the district court of the southwestern division judicial district of Missouri shall be held at Joplin, at said State, each year, on the second Mondays of June and of January, after this Act goes into effect.

Terms of court at Joplin.

**SEC. 3.** That the clerks of the district and circuit courts for the western district of Missouri, and the marshal and attorney of the United States for said district, shall perform the duties appertaining to their offices, respectively, for said courts of said southwestern division judicial district, and the clerk's office of the said courts shall be at Springfield, where all records of said courts may be kept and all duties performed except when court is in session at Joplin; but should, in the judgment of the district judge, the business of said courts hereafter warrant a deputy clerk at Joplin, Missouri, new books and records may be opened for the courts herein created, and kept at Joplin, and a deputy clerk appointed to reside and keep his office at Joplin.

Existing judicial officers to act, etc.

Clerk's office at Springfield.

Deputy clerk at Joplin.

**SEC. 4.** That all suits not of a local nature in said 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.

Suits against one or more defendants, where brought.

**SEC. 5.** That all prosecutions for crimes or offenses hereafter committed in either of the divisions of said district shall be cognizable within such division, and all prosecutions for crimes or offenses heretofore committed in the western district of Missouri, as heretofore constituted, shall be commenced and proceeded with as if this Act had not been passed.

Crimes, where prosecuted.

**SEC. 6.** That 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 any of the divisions.

Jurors.

Process.

**SEC. 7.** That in all cases of removal of suits from courts of the State of Missouri to the courts of the United States in the western district of Missouri 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 held in said southwestern division judicial district.

Removal of suits.

**SEC. 8.** That this Act shall be in force from and after the first day of July, anno Domini nineteen hundred and one, and all Acts or parts of Acts so far as inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Effect.

Repeal.

Approved, January 24, 1901.