

March and September of each year and shall continue for three weeks, or so long as business may require.

SEC. 2. That said courts held in Meridian as provided in section one of this Act shall be possessed of, and exercise, all the powers and jurisdiction now possessed or exercised, or which may hereafter be granted to or exercised by the circuit and district courts now held at Jackson, and all laws regulating and defining how suits against persons or property located or found in judicial districts shall be brought shall be applicable to and govern the bringing of suits in said division, and all laws touching the removal of causes from State courts to United States courts shall apply to said courts hereby established. All prosecutions for crimes and offenses heretofore committed shall be commenced and carried on as if this Act had not been passed.

Jurisdiction.

Pending prosecutions.

Pending causes.

SEC. 3. That all civil causes now pending in the circuit or district courts at Jackson, or Aberdeen, or Mississippi City, or Vicksburg, or Oxford, in which a citizen of any county of said eastern division is a defendant, shall remain as they now stand and be tried and determined as if this Act had not been passed, unless by the consent of all the parties such causes shall be removed to the courts held at Meridian, to be tried there.

Actions where more than one defendant.

SEC. 4. That if there be more than one defendant in a cause and the defendants reside in different divisions of the said southern district, or any of the defendants reside in the northern district, the plaintiff may sue in either division or district where any defendant resides, and send duplicate writs for the other defendant or defendants, the other division or district where such defendant or defendants reside, and said writs when executed and returned into the court from which they issued shall constitute one suit and be proceeded in accordingly.

SEC. 5. That all processes issued out of said courts at Meridian against defendants residing in the counties of Lauderdale, Kemper, Noxubee, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Jasper, Clarke, Wayne, Jones, or any other county, shall be returned to the courts hereby provided to be held in Meridian.

Return of process.

SEC. 6. That all grand and petit jurors summoned for service in said eastern division of said southern district created by this Act shall be residents of said division.

Juries.

SEC. 7. That the marshal and clerk of said southern district of Mississippi, as constituted before the passage of this Act, shall appoint deputies who shall reside at Meridian.

Deputy clerk, etc.

SEC. 8. That the district attorney of the southern district of Mississippi shall be district attorney for said eastern division, and shall be allowed the same fees and required to perform the same duties and be subject to the same liabilities as now provided by law.

District attorney.

SEC. 9. That when a defendant is sued out of a division of his residence, and is not joined with a codefendant whose residence is in the division where the suit is brought, he may on motion, supported by affidavit, change the venue to the division of his residence.

Change of venue.

Approved, July 18, 1894.

CHAP. 147.—An Act Providing an additional circuit judge in the eighth judicial circuit.

July 23, 1894.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be in the eighth judicial circuit an additional circuit judge, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall possess the same qualifications and shall have the same powers and jurisdiction now prescribed by law in respect to the present circuit judges.

United States courts.
Additional judge eighth circuit.

Approved, July 23, 1894.

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CHAP. 148.—An Act Authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Monongahela River at the foot of Main street, in the borough of Bellevernon, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Bellevernon Bridge
Company may bridge
Monongahela River,
Pa.
Vol. 27, p. 475.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Bellevernon Bridge Company, a corporation duly authorized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge over the Monongahela River between a point at or near the foot of Main street, in the borough of Bellevernon, Fayette County, to a point in Washington County on the opposite side of said river, all within the State of Pennsylvania.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That the said Bellevernon Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall not begin the construction of its bridge, piers, abutments, causeways, and other works over, in, or on said river until the location and plan of the same shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War.

Repeal.

SEC. 3. That any Act of Congress or part of an Act inconsistent herewith, so far as it affects the same, is hereby repealed.

Submission of de-
sign, etc.

SEC. 4. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one-half mile above and one-half mile below the proposed location, the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the currents at low and at high water, with the soundings accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plans of said bridge during the progress of its construction, such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That the channel span of said bridge shall be in length not less than three hundred and fifty feet in the clear and shall be elevated at least fifty-four feet above the surface of the river at pool full.

Change.

Provido.
Channel span.

Aids to navigation.

SEC. 5. That said bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be so kept and managed at all times as to afford proper means and ways for the passage of vessels, barges, or rafts, both by day and by night; and there shall be displayed on said bridge by the owners thereof, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe; and such changes shall be made from time to time in the structure of said bridge as the Secretary of War may direct, at the expense of the said bridge company, in order the more effectually to preserve the free navigation of said river.

Lights, etc.

Commencement and
completion.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 7. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 23, 1894.