tion, unless the President of the United States shall otherwise direct; and the present marshal of the district of Ohio shall be the marshal of the northern district, during their respective official terms.

Venue of cases hereafter commenced.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That all suits hereafter to be brought in either of said courts, not of a local nature, shall be brought in the court of the district where the defendant resides; but if there be more than one defendant and they reside in different districts, the plaintiff may sue in either and send a duplicate writ against the defendants, directed to the marshal of the other district, on which an indorsement shall be made that the writ thus sent is a copy of a writ sued out of the court of the proper district; and the said writs, when executed and returned into the office from whence they issued, shall constitute one suit, and be proceeded in accordingly.

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Feb. 13, 1855.

Chap. XCVI. — *An Act to divide the State of Illinois into Two Judicial Districts.*

Illinois divided into two judicial districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Illinois be, and the same is hereby, divided into two judicial districts, in the manner following; to wit: The counties of Hancock, McDonough, Peoria, Woodford, Livingston, and Iriquois, and all the counties in the said State, north of them, shall compose one district, to be called the northern district of Illinois, and courts shall be held for the said district at the city of Chicago; and the residue of the counties of the said State shall compose another district, to be called the southern district of Illinois, and courts shall be held for the same at the city of Springfield.

Places for holding courts.

Terms of court.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be two terms of the circuit and district courts begun and held in each of said districts, to wit: At the city of Chicago, for the northern district, on the first Monday in July and third Monday in December; and at the city of Springfield, for the southern district, on the first Monday in March, and the first Monday in October, in each year; and the said courts are hereby authorized to hold adjourned terms when the business shall, in the opinion of the courts, require it.

Disposition of pending cases.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all suits and other proceedings of whatever name, or nature, now pending in the circuit or district courts of the United States for the district of Illinois, shall be tried and disposed of in the circuit and district courts respectively for the northern district of Illinois, in the same manner as the same would have been in case said State had not been divided into two districts, and for that purpose the jurisdiction is reserved to the said courts in the northern district; and the clerk of the circuit and district courts for the present district of Illinois shall remove the records and files of the said circuit and district courts to the city of Chicago; and do and perform all duties appertaining to his office within the northern district. And all process or other proceedings taken, or issued, or made returnable to the circuit or district courts of the present district of Illinois, shall be returnable at the next term of the said courts respectively in the northern district of Illinois.

Removal of cases to southern district.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That upon application of any party to any suit now pending which would have been commenced in the southern district, if this act had been in force before the commencement of the said suit, the proper court may, and if all parties consent, shall order that the same be removed for further proceedings to the proper court for the southern district. And thereupon the clerk shall transmit all the papers in the cause with a transcript of all orders taken therein to the clerk of the court to which the suit shall be removed, and all further proceedings shall be had, in said court, as if the said suit had been originally commenced therein.

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Present district judge to be judge in northern district.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the present judge of the district of Illinois be, and is hereby, assigned to the northern district of Illinois.

Execution of final process in pending cases.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That final process on any judgment or decree entered in the circuit or district courts of the United States for the district of Illinois, and all other process for the enforcement of any order of said courts, respectively, in any cause now pending therein, except causes removed, as hereinbefore provided, shall be issued from and made returnable to the proper court for the northern district of Illinois, and may be directed to and executed by the marshal of the said northern district, in any part of the said State.

District judge for southern district.

Pay.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That there be appointed a district judge for the said southern district of Illinois, and the district judge of each of the said districts shall be entitled to an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars.

District attorney and marshal, and clerk.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the present district attorney for the district of Illinois shall be the district attorney for the northern district; the present marshal of the district of Illinois, shall be the marshal for the northern district; and the present clerk of the courts for the district of Illinois, shall be the clerk of the courts for the northern district, during their respective official terms.

Same subject.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That there be appointed a district attorney, a marshal, and a clerk of the court, for the southern district.

Approved, February 13, 1855.

Chap. XCVII. — *An Act to continue, temporarily, the Offices of Register and Receiver at Vincennes.*

Feb. 13, 1855.

Offices of register and receiver at Vincennes continued.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the offices of register and receiver shall be continued at Vincennes, Indiana, until after a final report shall have been made by the commissioners pursuant to the act of Congress, approved July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An act to ascertain and adjust the titles to certain lands in the State of Indiana," and the act of Congress approved twelfth June, eighteen hundred and forty, for the discontinuance of land-offices, under certain circumstances, shall not apply to the offices at Vincennes, until the services required by the aforesaid act of twenty-seventh July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, of the commissioners, shall have been fully performed.

1854, ch. 110.

1840, ch. 36.

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Chap. XCVIII. — *An Act to refund to the Officers of the Customs and Others, of the District of Passamaquoddy, certain Moneys.*

Feb. 14, 1855.

Payment to late officers of customs, at Passamaquoddy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized and directed, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to the late officers of the customs of the district of Passamaquoddy, and informers, their proportion of the net proceeds of sale, by virtue of existing laws, arising from the condemnation of the schooners "L'Etang" and "Josephine," and the barque "Phenix," for a violation of the revenue laws in the district of Maine; the same having been wrongfully paid into the treasury of the United States through mistake.

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