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Any agent or attorney or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land, who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand or receive or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land warrant issued to any such claimant, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for every such offense be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Penalty for violation of act relating to fees or compensation.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe rules and regulations governing the recognition of agents, attorneys, or other persons representing claimants before his department, and may require of such persons, agents, and attorneys, before being recognized as representatives of claimants, that they shall show that they are of good moral character and in good repute, possessed of the necessary qualifications to enable them to render such claimants valuable service, and otherwise competent to advise and assist such claimants in the presentation of their claims and such Secretary may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, suspend or exclude from further practice before his department any such person, agent or attorney shown to be incompetent, disreputable, or who refuses to comply with the said rules and regulations, or who shall with intent to defraud in any manner deceive, mislead, or threaten any claimant, or prospective claimant, by word, circular, letter, or by advertisement.

Secretary of Interior to prescribe rules for government of agents, etc., in prosecution of claims.

SEC. 6. The Commissioner shall have power, subject to review by the Secretary, to reject or refuse to recognize any contract for fees, herein provided for, whenever it shall be made to appear that any undue advantage has been taken of the claimant in respect to such contract.

Commissioner of Pensions may reject contracts for fees, etc.

Approved, July 4, 1884.

CHAP. 182.—An act providing for two additional associate justices of supreme court of the Territory of Dakota, one additional associate justice of the supreme court of the Territory of Washington and for other purposes.

July 4, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the supreme court of the Territory of Dakota shall consist of a chief justice and five associate justices, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Supreme court of Territories of Dakota and Washington to consist of chief justice and five associate justices.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the President to appoint two additional associate justices of said supreme court, in manner now provided by law, who shall hold their offices for the term of four years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Appointment of two additional associate justices.
Term of office.

SEC. 3. That the said Territory shall be divided into six judicial districts, and a district court shall be held in each district by one of the justices of the supreme court, at such time and place as may be prescribed by law. Each judge, after assignment, shall reside in the district to which he is assigned.

Judicial districts.
Terms of court.
Residence.

SEC. 4. That until changed by the legislative assembly of said Territory, the fifth district of said Territory shall consist of the following counties, namely: Brookins, Kingsbury, Beadle, Deuel, Hamlin, Grant, Codington, Clark, Day, Spink, Brown, Hand, Hyde, Hughes, Sully, Edmunds, Faulk, McPherson, Potter, Campbell, Roberts, and Walworth, and the Sisseton and Wahpeton Indian Reservation. And the second district and the fourth district shall consist of the remainder of the Territory which now constitutes said second district and fourth district, respectively as defined by the statutes of said Territory.

Counties constituting the fifth judicial district.

Second and fourth judicial districts.

Counties constituting the sixth judicial district.

SEC. 5. That until changed by the legislature of said Territory, the sixth district shall consist of the following counties, namely: Bowman, Villard, Billings, Dunn, McKenzie, Allred, Buford, Flannery, Wallace, Mountraille, Williams, Start, Hettinger, Morton, Mercer, McLean, Stevens, Renville, Wynn, Bottineau, McHenry, Sheridan, Burleigh, Emmons, McIntosh, Logan, Kidder, Wells, De Smet, Rolette, Towner, Benson, Foster, Stutsman, La Moure, Deckey, Griggs, Steel, and Barnes.

Assignment of associate justices.

SEC. 6. That temporarily, and until otherwise ordered by law, the additional associate justices to be appointed under this act are hereby assigned to said fifth and sixth districts, and the time and place as now fixed by the statutes of said Territory for holding court therein shall remain until changed by law.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 7. That the district court for said fifth judicial district shall have no jurisdiction to try, hear, or determine any matter or cause wherein the United States is a party, and no United States grand or petit jury shall be summoned in said court, but said fifth district is hereby attached to and made a part of the second judicial district for the purpose of hearing and determining all matters and causes arising within said fifth district in which the United States is a party.

Jurisdiction in sixth judicial district.

SEC. 8. That the district court for said sixth judicial district shall have and possess jurisdiction to try, hear, and determine all matters and causes that the court of any district in said Territory now possesses. And for such purposes two terms of said court shall be held annually in the city of Bismarck, in the county of Burleigh, and a grand and petit jury shall be summoned thereon in the manner now required by law in the United States courts in said Territory.

Terms of court at Bismarck.

Grand and petit jury.

Supreme court of the Territory of Washington to consist of, etc.

SEC. 9. That hereafter the supreme court of the Territory of Washington shall consist of a chief justice and three associate justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, but no justice shall act as a member of the supreme court in any action or proceeding brought to such court by writ of error, bill of exceptions, or appeal from a decision, judgment or decree rendered by him as judge of a district court.

Quorum.

Justice not to act as a member of the supreme court, when.

Appointment of one additional associate justice.

SEC. 10. That it shall be the duty of the President to appoint one additional associate justice of said supreme court, in manner now provided by law, who shall hold his office for the term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

Judicial districts.

District courts.

SEC. 11. That the said Territory shall be divided into four judicial districts, and a district court shall be held in each district by one of the justices of the supreme court thereof at such time and place as may be prescribed by law. Each judge, after assignment, shall reside in the district to which he is assigned.

Residence of judges.

Counties constituting first district.

SEC. 12. That until changed by the legislative assembly of said Territory, the first district of said Territory shall consist of the counties of Wallwalla, Columbia, Garfield, Assotian, Franklin, Adams, Whitman, and Spokane; the second, of the counties of Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Chehalis, Lewis, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, and Clarke; the third of the counties of King, Kitsap, Jefferson, Clallam, Island, San Juan, Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish, and the fourth of the counties of Skamania, Klickitat, Yakima, Kittitas, Douglas, Lincoln, and Stevens.

Assignment of additional associate justice.

SEC. 13. That temporarily, and until otherwise ordered by law, the additional associate justice to be appointed under this act is hereby assigned to said fourth district thereof and the time and place as now fixed by the statutes of said Territory for holding court therein shall remain until changed by law.

Procedure.

SEC. 14. That all offenses committed before the passage of this act shall be prosecuted, tried, and determined in the same manner and with the same effect (except as to the number of judges) as if this act had not been passed.

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