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CHAP. 1430.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange the site for a public building at Natchitoches, Louisiana.

March 3, 1905.
[S. 7284.]
[Public, No. 163.]

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 he is hereby, authorized in his discretion to exchange the property previously acquired for a site for the Federal building in the city of Natchitoches and State of Louisiana, under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to increase the limit of cost of certain public buildings, to authorize the purchase of sites for public buildings, to authorize the erection and completion of public buildings, and for other purposes," approved June sixth, nineteen hundred and two, for another site—one hundred and forty feet by one hundred feet in dimensions—located at the northwest corner of Lafayette and Washington streets, in said city: *Provided*, That the same can be acquired without additional cost to the United States: *And provided further*, That so much of said Act approved June sixth, nineteen hundred and two, as requires that the site in said city of Natchitoches shall contain at least fifteen thousand square feet is hereby repealed.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

Public building, Natchitoches, La.
Exchange of site authorized.
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Provisos.
No additional cost.

Repeal.

CHAP. 1431.—An Act To provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Albany, Georgia.

March 3, 1905.
[H. R. 5498.]
[Public, No. 164.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the southwestern division of the southern judicial district of Georgia is hereby established, to be composed of the counties of Baker, Calhoun, Dougherty, Lee, Mitchell, and Worth, of the southern district of Georgia.

United States courts.
Georgia southern judicial district.
Southwestern division established.

SEC. 2. That a term of the circuit court and of the district court for the southern district of Georgia shall be held at Albany, in said State, on the third Mondays in June and December in each year; and it shall be the duty of the clerk, marshal, and other officers of the southern judicial district to attend said terms of said court and perform all the duties pertaining to their positions: *Provided, however*, That suitable rooms and accommodations are furnished for the holding of said courts free of expense to the Government of the United States.

Terms at Albany.
R. S., sec. 572, 658 pp. 99, 120.

Proviso.
Court room.

SEC. 3. That all suits not of a local nature in the 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. All issues of fact in said suits shall be tried at a term of the court held in the division where the suit is so brought.

Suits not of a local nature.

SEC. 4. That prosecutions for crime or offenses hereafter committed in any of the counties of the southwestern division shall be cognizable within such division; and all prosecutions for crime or offenses heretofore committed within either of said counties, shall be commenced and proceeded with as if this Act had not been passed.

Crimes, etc.

SEC. 5. That all civil suits and proceedings now pending in the circuit or district courts, and which would, if instituted after the passage of this Act, be required to be brought in the southwestern division of said district, may be transferred by consent of all parties or by order of the court to said southwestern division of said district and there disposed of in the same manner and with like effect as if the same had been instituted therein; and all processes, writs, and recognizances relating to such suits and proceedings so transferred shall be considered as belonging to the term of the court in the southwestern division of said district in the same manner and with like effect as if they had been issued or taken in reference thereto originally.

Transfer of pending causes.