

CHAPTER CXXXIII.

AN ACT

Altering the time of holding the courts in the sixth judicial district.

Sixth judicial district, how organized.

Times of holding courts.

Tests and return of writs and process.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the first Monday in August next, the counties of Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango and the provisional county of Warren, shall be and constitute the sixth judicial district, and the several courts of quarter sessions and common pleas shall commence on the following days in each and every year, to wit: In the county of Erie on the said first Monday in August next, and on the first Mondays of November, February and May next following; in the county of Crawford on the first Mondays, in the county of Mercer on the second, in the county of Venango on the third Mondays next after the commencement of the courts in the county of Erie.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That writs and process shall be tested in the several courts of quarter sessions and common pleas in said district, at their sessions and terms next preceding the first Monday in August next, and be returnable on the days and times directed by the first section of this act for holding the said courts.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the *House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.

CHAPTER CXXXIV.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To an act, entitled "An act to regulate the trials of contested elections," passed the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General*

Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the passage of this act, no order shall be taken on any petition addressed to the legislature, complaining of an undue election or false return of a person elected Governor, or a member of either branch of the legislature, unless presented within five days after the next meeting of the legislature, nor unless five or more qualified electors signing such petition, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before some judge or justice of the peace, in and for the county or counties in which they reside, a copy whereof shall accompany and be annexed to such petition, that the facts stated in such petition are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Petition con-
testing the
election of
Governor,
&c. to be pre-
sented within
5 days, and
to be founded
on oath or
affirmation.

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the facts stated in the petition or petitions as aforesaid shall not be established, then the county or counties in which the petitioners reside shall pay the costs; but if the fact or facts stated in such petition or petitions shall be established, then the county or counties in which the facts complained of took place shall pay the costs.

How the
costs shall be
paid.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the third section of the act to which this is a further supplement, as provides that the committee to be appointed under the authority of said act shall be dissolved, if three members thereof should be absent for more than three days, shall not be in force after the passage of this act, but in case of such an event the remaining members of the committee (if not reduced to less than nine) shall proceed to enquire into the facts, and seven of their number shall be competent to decide.

Part of form-
er act not to
be in force.
9 of the com-
mittee may
proceed and
7 decide.

SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the other parts of said act and the supplement thereto, passed March sixth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, as are hereby altered or supplied, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM FINDLAY.