

### CHAPTER LXIII.

An ACT to extend an act entitled "An act to improve the breed of sheep in certain counties of this commonwealth," to the counties of Chester, Beaver, Butler, Mercer, Venango, Crawford, Somerset, and Allegheny.

SECT. I. 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 the act entitled "An act to improve the breed of sheep in certain counties of this commonwealth," passed the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, be and the same is hereby extended to the counties of Chester, Beaver, Butler, Mercer, Venango, Crawford, Somerset, and Allegheny.

Act for improving the breed of sheep extended to the counties of Chester and Beaver.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.  
P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

SIMON SNYDER.

### CHAPTER LXIV.

An ACT for dividing certain counties of this commonwealth into districts for the appointment of justices of the peace.

SECT. I. 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 the counties of Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Butler, Bradford, Cambria, Clearfield, Columbia, Dauphin, Erie, Fayette, Indiana, Jefferson, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, M'Kean Mercer, Northampton, Northumberland, Potter, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, and Warren, in this commonwealth, shall be respectively laid off by the commissioners of the said counties, in suitable districts for the appointment of a competent number of justices of the peace; and for this purpose it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to meet together in their respective counties, at the seat of justice for the same, on or before the fourth Monday of October next, and to continue from day to day until they have completed a list or draft in numerical order of the number of districts contained in their respective counties, and shall transmit a duplicate return of the same, containing the number and description of the bounds of each district, the number of taxable inhabitants and of acting justices within each, and as near as may be the local residence of such justices; and stating also the townships and parts of townships of which each district may be composed, to the office of the secretary of the

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commonwealth, on or before the second Tuesday of December next; and the said commissioners shall also transmit one other duplicate of the same to the office of the prothonotary of the proper county, which the said prothonotary shall enter and record in his office, and shall receive twenty-five cents for each district by him so recorded, to be paid by the county: *provided always*, that where districts have been laid out in any of the said counties, the commissioners shall only perfect the same, by returning the townships or parts of townships out of which they are composed.

And to prothonotaries.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said commissioners shall not lay out their respective counties into a greater number of districts than is herein directed; *that is to say*, the number of districts in the county of Armstrong shall not exceed eight, Beaver six, Bedford fifteen, Berks twelve, Bradford eight, Butler six, Cambria eight, Clearfield eight, Columbia eight, Dauphin six, Erie six, Fayette thirteen, Indiana eight, Jefferson six, Lebanon five, Lehigh six, Luzerne ten, M'Kean six, Mercer eight, Northampton ten, Northumberland eight, Potter six, Schuylkill six, Susquehanna six, Tioga six, Union six, Venango six, and Warren six.

Number of districts in each county.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That if any of the commissioners aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to do and perform the duties required of them by this act, every commissioner so neglecting or refusing, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable accident, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars for the use of the county, to be recovered with costs of suit by action of debt, in the name of the party prosecuting or by indictment; *provided* the same be sued for within six months thereafter.

Penalties on commissioners for neglect.

SECT. IV. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That no alteration of the number or boundaries of any district heretofore established, which may be made in pursuance of this act, shall affect the commissions, proceedings or authority of any justice of the peace, who shall have been commissioned previous to the first day of December next; but such justices shall be considered as having been commissioned for the district in which they shall be resident on the said first day of December.

Alterations of districts not to affect justices appointed before a certain day.

JOHN ST. CLAIR, *Speaker*  
of the House of Representatives.

P. C. LANE, *Speaker of the Senate*.

APPROVED—the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

SIMON SNYDER.