

**CHAP. 95.**—An act to fix the pay of letter-carriers.

Feb. 21, 1879.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the more equitable compensation of letter-carriers there shall be in all cities which contain a population of seventy-five thousand or more two classes of letter-carriers, to be fixed by the Postmaster-General.

Letter-carriers.

**SEC. 2.** The salaries of carriers of the first-class, who shall have been in service at least one year, shall be one thousand dollars per annum, and the salaries of the carriers of the second class shall be eight hundred dollars per annum. In all cities containing a population of less than seventy-five thousand there shall be one class of letter-carriers, who shall receive a salary of eight hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Pay of first and second classes.

**SEC. 3.** Upon the recommendation of the postmaster of any city, the Postmaster-General may establish a third grade of letter-carriers, known as auxiliaries, who shall be paid at the rate of four hundred dollars per annum.

Third class.

**SEC. 4.** Appointments of letter-carriers in cities having two or more classes shall be made to the class having the minimum rate of pay, and promotions from the lower grades in said cities shall be made to the higher grades to fill vacancies, after one or more years' service, on certificate of the postmaster to the efficiency and faithfulness of the candidate during the preceding year: *Provided, however,* That at no time shall the number of carriers in the first class, receiving the maximum salary of one thousand dollars, be more than two-thirds or less than one-half the whole number of carriers actually in service in the city in which they are employed: *Provided, further,* That no boxes for the collection of mail-matter by carriers shall be placed inside of any building except a public building or railroad-station.

Appointment and promotion.

Number of first class.

Letter-boxes in buildings.

**SEC. 5.** Letter-carriers shall be employed for the free delivery, of mail-matter, as frequently as the public convenience may require, at every place containing a population of fifty thousand within the delivery of its post-office, and may be so employed at every place containing a population of not less than twenty thousand within its corporate limits, and at post-offices which produced a gross revenue for the preceding fiscal year of not less than twenty thousand dollars: *Provided,* This act shall not affect the free delivery in towns and cities where it is now established.

Where employed.

Proviso.

**SEC. 6.** All laws inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Repeals.

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**CHAP. 96.**—An act donating to the board of education of school district number one, Arapahoe County, Colorado, block numbered one hundred and forty-three, in the east division of the city of Denver, Colorado, for common-school purposes.

Feb. 24, 1879.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That block numbered one hundred and forty-three, in the east division of the city of Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, be, and the same is hereby, donated and set apart to the board of education of school district number one, Arapahoe County, in the State of Colorado, upon the following conditions, namely: The said board of education shall cause to be erected and maintained thereon a public school building or buildings, to be used solely for educational purposes, and attendance at which, with full and equal rights and privileges, shall be free to all the residents of the city of Denver, in said county, with restrictions only as to the number and age of attendants and the grade of scholarship, under such rules and regulations as may be legally adopted for the control and management of said school or schools; and the above conditions shall be binding forever, under the penalty of the reversion of said block to the United States.

Denver, Col.  
Donation of land for school in.

**SEC. 2.** That the said board of education shall cause to be erected upon said real estate a superstructure for the purpose aforesaid, which shall cost not less than twenty-five thousand dollars; and the donation

Cost of building.

of said block provided for in the preceding section shall take effect and be binding only from the time the said board shall in good faith commence the erection of said superstructure.

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**CHAP. 97.**—An act to create the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and to change the eastern and western judicial districts of said State, and to fix the time and places of holding courts in said districts.

Texas.  
Northern judicial district.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a judicial district is hereby created in the State of Texas, to be called the northern judicial district of said State, and the territory embraced in the following-named counties, as now constituted, shall compose said district, namely: Brazos, Robertson, Leon, Limestone, Freestone, Navarro, Ellis, Kaufman, Dallas, Rockwall, Hunt, Fannin, Lamar, Delta, Collin, Grayson, Cooke, Denton, Tarrant, Johnson, Hill, McLennan, Falls, Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Bosque, Comanche, Erath, Somerville, Hood, Parker, Palo Pinto, Jack, Wise, Montague, Clay, Archer, Wichita, Wilbarger, Hardeman, Knox, Baylor, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Stephens, Shackelford, Jones, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Brown, Coleman, Runnels, Greer, Nolan, Fisher, Stonewall, King, Cottle, Childress, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Gray, Donley, Hall, Motley, Dickens, Kent, Scurry, Mitchell, Howard, Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Martin, Andrews, Garza, Crosby, Floyd, Briscoe, Armstrong, Carson, Hutchinson, Hansford, Sherman, Moore, Potter, Randall, Swisher, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry, Hockley, Lamb, Castro, Deaf Smith, Oldham, Hartley, Dallam, Palmer, Bayley, Cochran, and Yoakum.

Eastern judicial district.

SEC. 2. That from and after the passage of this act, the territory embraced in the following-named counties, as now constituted, shall compose the eastern judicial district, namely: Matagorda, Wharton, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Colorado, Austin, Waller, Harris, Galveston, Chambers, Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, Liberty, Newton, Jasper, Tyler, Polk, San Jacinto, Montgomery, Walker, Grimes, Madison, Trinity, Angelina, San Augustine, Sabine, Shelby, Nacogdoches, Cherokee, Houston, Anderson, Henderson, Smith, Rusk, Panola, Harrison, Gregg, Upshur, Wood, Vanzandt, Rains, Hopkins, Camp, Titus, Marion, Cass, Bowie, Franklin, Morris, and Red River.

Western judicial district.

SEC. 3. That from and after the passage of this act, the territory embraced in the following-named counties, as now constituted, shall compose the western judicial district of said State, namely: Calhoun, Jackson, Victoria, Goliad, Refugio, Bee, San Patricio, Nueces, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Duval, Encinal, Webb, La Salle, McMullen, Live Oak, De Witt, Lavaca, Gonzales, Wilson, Karnes, Atascosa, Frio, Dimmit, Zavala, Maverick, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Guadalupe, Caldwell, Fayette, Washington, Lee, Burleson, Milan, Williamson, Bastrop, Travis, Hays, Comal, Kendall, Blanco, Burnett, Llano, Gillespie, Kerr, Bandera, Edwards, Kimball, Mason, Menard, El Paso, Presidio, Tom Green, Crockett, Pecos, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, and Lampasas.

Times and places for holding terms.

SEC. 4. That the courts in the northern judicial district shall be held twice in each year, at Waco, Dallas, and at Graham, in Young County; and the courts in the eastern judicial district shall be held twice in each year, at Galveston, Tyler, and Jefferson; and the courts in the western judicial district shall be held twice in each year, at Brownsville, San Antonio, and Austin. The courts shall be held in the city of Waco on the first Mondays in April and October; in the city of Dallas, the first Mondays in June and December; in the town of Graham, Young County, on the first Mondays in February and August; in the city of Galveston, on the first Mondays in November and March; at the city of Tyler, on the second Mondays in January and May; at the city of Jefferson, on