

provided by law, who shall hold his office for the term of four years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified.

SEC. 3. That the said Territory shall be divided into five 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 is or may be prescribed by law. Each judge, after assignment, shall reside in the district to which he is assigned.

Territory divided into five districts.

Terms, etc.

SEC. 4. That the present chief-justice and his associates are hereby vested with power and authority, and they are hereby directed, to divide said Territory into five judicial districts, and make such assignments of the judges provided for in the first section of this act as shall in their judgment be meet and proper.

Supreme court to make division, etc.

SEC. 5. That the said district court shall have jurisdiction, and the same is hereby vested, to hear, try, and determine all matters and causes that the courts of the other districts of the Territory now possess; and for such purposes two terms of said court shall be held annually, at such places within said district as may be designated by the chief-justice and his associates, or a majority of them; and grand and petit jurors shall be summoned therein in the manner now required by law.

Jurisdiction.

Juries.

SEC. 6. 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 passed.

Offenses.

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**CHAP. 666.**—An act to provide for the disposal of certain abandoned military reservations in Wyoming Territory.

July 10, 1890.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all public lands now remaining undisposed of within the abandoned military reservations in the Territory of Wyoming, known as Forts Fetterman, (post), Laramie, Sanders, and Steele (post), military reservations, and that portion of the Fort Bridger reservation heretofore abandoned for military purposes, and which are not otherwise occupied or used for any public purpose, are hereby made subject to disposal under the homestead law only: *Provided*, That actual occupants thereon upon the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety, if otherwise qualified, shall have the preference right to make one entry not exceeding one quarter section under either of the existing land laws, which shall include their respective improvements: *Provided further*, That any of such lands as are occupied for town-site purposes, and any of the lands that may be shown to be valuable for coal or minerals; such lands so occupied for town-site purposes, or valuable for coal or minerals, shall be disposed of as now provided for lands subject to entry and sale under the town-site, coal, or mineral land laws, respectively: *Provided further*, That this act shall not apply to any subdivision of land, which subdivision may include adjoining lands to the amount of one hundred and sixty acres, on which any buildings or improvements of the United States are situated until the Secretary of the Interior shall so direct: *Provided further*, That the passage of this act shall not be construed to amend or repeal the act approved May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, entitled "An act granting certain lands in the Territory of Wyoming for public purposes."

Public lands. Disposal of certain abandoned military reservations in Wyoming.

Fort Fetterman, Laramie, Sanders, Steele, and Bridger.

Under homestead law. *Provisos*.

Preference right of certain actual occupants.

Town site and mineral lands.

Limitation as to certain land subdivisions.

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Fish-hatchery land grant.

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