CHAP. 275.—An Act To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Wabash River at the city of Mount Carmel, Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge authorized by Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1925, to be built across the Wabash River from a point in the city of Mount Carmel, Wabash County, Illinois, to a point in Gibson County, in the State of Indiana, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Sec. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 2, 1927.

CHAP. 276.—An Act To provide for an additional Federal district for North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 98 of an Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," approved March 3, 1911, as amended by the Act of October 7, 1914, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 98. The State of North Carolina is divided into three districts to be known as the eastern, the middle, and the western districts of North Carolina.

The eastern district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of January, 1926, in the counties of Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Durham, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, Vance, Wake, Washington, Warren, Wayne, and Wilson.

Terms of the district court for the eastern district shall be held at Raleigh on the fourth Mondays after the fourth Monday in April and October and a two weeks' civil term beginning on the second Monday in March; at Wilson on the first Mondays in April and October; at Elizabeth City on the second Mondays in April and October; at Washington on the third Mondays in April and October; at New Bern on the fourth Mondays in April and October; at Fayetteville on the fourth Mondays in March and September; and at Wilmington on the second Mondays after the fourth Monday in April and October: Provided, That the city of Wilson shall provide and furnish at its own expenses a suitable and convenient place for holding the district court. The clerk of the court for the eastern district shall maintain an office in charge of himself or deputy at Raleigh, at Wilmington, at New Bern, at Elizabeth City, at Washington, at Fayetteville, and at Wilson, which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of the court.

The middle district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of January, 1926, in the counties of Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Cabarrus, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Lee, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin.
The terms of the district court for the middle district shall be held at Rockingham on the first Mondays in March and September; at Salisbury on the third Mondays in April and October; at Winston-Salem on the first Mondays in May and November; at Greensboro on the first Mondays in June and December; and at Wilkesboro on the third Mondays in May and November: Provided, That the cities of Winston-Salem and Rockingham shall each provide and furnish at its own expense a suitable and convenient place for holding the district court. The clerk of the court for the middle district shall maintain an office in charge of himself or deputy at Rockingham, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Wilkesboro, and at Salisbury, which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of the court.

The western district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of January, 1926, in the counties of Alexander, Anson, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Macon, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Union, and Yancey.

The terms of the district court for the western district shall be held in Charlotte on the first Mondays in April and October; at Shelby on the fourth Monday in September and third Monday in March; at Statesville on the fourth Mondays in April and October; and at Asheville on the second Mondays in May and November: Provided, That the city of Shelby shall provide and furnish at its own expense a suitable and convenient place for holding the court at Shelby. The clerk of the court for the western district shall maintain an office, in charge of himself or deputy, at Charlotte, at Asheville, at Statesville, and at Shelby, which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of the court.

That there shall be a judge appointed for the said middle district in the manner now provided by law who shall receive the salary provided by law for the judges of the eastern and western districts, and a district attorney, marshal, clerk, and other officers in the manner and at the salary now provided by law.

That all causes in the said middle district in equity, bankruptcy, or admiralty, in which orders and decrees have already been made and which are now in process of trial, shall continue and remain subject to the jurisdiction of the judge of that district by whom the same shall have been made and before whom the same shall have been partially tried and determined.

Approved, March 2, 1927.