

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF KANSAS,

IN FAVOR OF

The formation of a new judicial district composed of Southern Kansas and the Indian Territory.

FEBRUARY 21, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

Whereas our citizens in the south portions of this State, remote from Topeka, now and for some time past, have found it inconvenient, expensive, and otherwise onerous to visit Topeka, where the United States courts for the district are alone holden for the transaction of business in said courts; and whereas frequent cases of litigation arise between citizens of this State and citizens of the Cherokee Nation, immediately south of Kansas, in which case our citizens are forced to attend court at Fort Smith, more remote and far more difficult of access; and whereas our State is fast settling in the south and southwestern portions thereof, requiring, in justice to our citizens and those of the Territory south, a division of the State into two districts, making a northern and southern district, in which Topeka shall be the place of holding the courts for the north district, and Chetopa, or Oswego, for the southern district; Therefore,

Be it resolved by the house of representatives, (the senate concurring therein,) That we believe it to be the duty of the Congress of the United States to attach so much of the State of Kansas as they may deem wise to the Indian Territory south for judicial purposes.

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be, and they are hereby, instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence and vote for the passage of an act of Congress that shall accomplish the object recited in the foregoing preamble and resolution.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be requested to forward copies of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Passed the house of representatives February 9, 1872.

ALEX. R. BANKS.

Passed the senate February 13, 1872.

GEO. C. CROWTHER,
Secretary Senate.

I, W. H. Smallwood, secretary of state of the State of Kansas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original concurrent resolution now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the great seal of the State. Done at Topeka this 16th day of February, A. D. 1872.

W. H. SMALLWOOD,
Secretary of State.