

ACTS
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF GEORGIA,
PASSED IN MILLEDGEVILLE,

AT A
BI-ENNIAL SESSION,
IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH,
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TITLE XXV.

NAMES CHANGED, &c.

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(No. 195.)

An Act to prescribe the manner in which the names of persons may be changed, and persons born illegitimate, may be made legitimate, and to carry into effect the provisions of the Constitution upon that subject; and also to prescribe the manner in which children may be adopted.

APPROVED March 6th, 1856.

1. Section I. *The General Assembly of the State of Georgia do enact as follows:* When any father of an illegitimate child shall be desirous of rendered such child legitimate, or of changing the name of such child, it shall be lawful for such father to petition the Superior or Inferior Court of the county where he resides, setting forth the name, age, and sex of such child, and also the name of the mother, and that he recognizes it as his child, and when he wishes the name of such child to be changed, setting forth the name by which he wishes such child to be called, “and upon such petition being presented, and filed, it shall be the duty of said Court to pass an order declaring said child to be legitimate and capable of inheriting the estate of the said father, in the same manner as if born in lawful wedlock;” and also declaring what shall be the name of such child, and said child from that time shall be legitimate and known by said name.

2. Sec. II. The marriage of the mother and reputed father of an illegitimate child, and the recognition of such child as his by the father, shall render the child legitimate.

3. Sec. III. Any person desirous of adopting a child, so as to render it capable of inheriting his, or her estate, or to change the name of such child, may present his or her petition to the Superior or Inferior Court of the county where he, or she resides, setting forth the name, age, sex, and who is the father of the child, or if no father, who is the mother, and that said father, or mother is willing and consents, and if said child has neither father or mother, then the consent of no person shall be necessary to said adoption. It shall be the duty of the Court, upon being satisfied of the truth of the facts stated in said petition, to pass an order declaring said child to be the adopted child of such person, and capable of inheriting his or her estate, and also declaring what shall be the name of such child, and from thenceforward said child shall be known by said name, and shall be the child of the person so adopting it, as to all the legal rights of such child, and of the person adopting

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it, in the same manner, and to the same extent, as if said child was the natural legitimate child of such person.

4. Sec. IV. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the petition of any such person to the Inferior Court praying the establishment, abolition or change of an Election Precinct, or Precincts in any county, it shall be lawful for said Inferior Court to establish, abolish or change such Election Precinct, or Precincts agreeable to the provisions now established by law.*

Precincts—
how estab-
lished, &c.

5. Sec. V. (Repeals conflicting laws.)

*The powers conferred upon the Courts by this act were heretofore exercised by the Legislature—but the Constitution was changed at the Legislatures of 1853 and '54, and 1855 and '56, see p. 106, forbidding the Legislature to exercise these powers.

TITLE XXVI.

MILITIA.

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(No. 196.)

An Act to provide compensation for the commissioned officers, non commissioned officers, musicians and privates of certain companies of volunteers mustered into the service of the State of Georgia, by virtue of an act assented to on the 26th Dec. 1837.

APPROVED, March 3d, 1856.

WHEREAS, certain companies of Mounted Volunteers, were raised, organized and mustered into the service of the State of Georgia, in terms of an act assented to 26th December, 1837, and whereas, certain of those companies have received no compensation, therefore:

1. Section I. *Be it enacted &c.*, That the commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, Musicians and privates of each of those companies who have at no time, heretofore, received compensation for said services, be and they are hereby authorized to receive from the State of Georgia, the same pay as is, by the army regulations of the United States, and the laws thereof, allowed to commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, respectively in said Army of the United States.

Compensation
to be made
certain off-
cers, &c.

2. Sec. II. *And be it further enacted*, That His Excellency, the Governor, be and he is hereby required to appoint some fit and proper person, whose duty it shall be to audit the claims of the

Governor to
appoint an
auditor;