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north along such line to a point ten (10) miles north of the thirty-eighth parallel of north latitude; thence east to a point on the summit of the main range of mountains, dividing the waters of the Uncompahgre and Animas rivers, from the waters of the Lake Fork of the Gunnison; thence in a southerly direction, along the summit of said range to a point at the head of the north fork of Pole creek; thence down said creek to the present boundary line between Hinsdale and La Plata counties; thence due south, along said line to the place of beginning; and the boundary lines of La Plata and Hinsdale counties are hereby changed to correspond with the provisions of this act.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND CREATE THE COUNTY OF OURAY.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

385. SECTION 1. That the county of Ouray is hereby created and established, with the legal capacity and functions of other counties of this state, and with the boundaries as follows: commencing at a point on the boundary line between the counties of Hinsdale and San Juan, due east of the junction of Mineral creek and the main branch of the Uncompahgre river; thence due west through said junction to the summit of the divide between Red Mountain valley and Poughkeepsie gulch; thence southerly, along the said divide, to the divide between the waters of the Animas river, and the Uncompahgre river; thence along the divide separating the waters of the Uncompahgre, and San Miguel rivers on the north, from those of the Animas river on the south, to the north line of La Plata county; thence along the north line of said La Plata, county to the western line of the state; thence north to the southwest corner of Lake county; thence east along the south line of Lake county to the western line of Hinsdale county; thence southerly along the western boundary of Hinsdale county to the place of beginning.

386. SEC. 2. Until the county seat shall be located as provided by law, the court for the county, and the county County seat.

offices shall be held at such place in the county as may be designated by the county commissioners; and at the next general election after the passage of this act, the qualified electors of said county of Ouray, shall select a county seat for said county by ballot. The county clerk in his notice of said election shall give notice to the electors to have written or printed upon their ballots the name of a place for county seat, and the place having a majority of all the votes cast at said election for county seat, shall be the county seat of said county. The vote for county seat shall be returned to and canvassed by the same board of canvassers as by law canvasses the votes polled for county officers.

Transfer of cases
and proceedings
in courts.

387. SEC. 3. All cases, civil or criminal, now pending in the district or county court of San Juan county, wherein the cause of action accrued within the territory now embraced within the new county of Ouray, or wherein the defendant or defendants reside therein, shall be, as soon as said new county of Ouray is organized, transferred by the clerk or judge of said district or county court to the court of like jurisdiction for said new county of Ouray, in like manner as is provided for the transfer of causes in counties heretofore attached to others for judicial purposes.

County officers.

388. SEC. 4. The offices of such officers of the county of San Juan as shall live within the territory embraced in the new county of Ouray, shall become vacant on the taking effect of this act, and such vacancies shall be filled as provided by law.

County indebtedness.

389. SEC. 5. The present indebtedness of the county of San Juan, shall be apportioned between the counties of San Juan and Ouray, in proportion to the taxable property in each, as shown by assessment roll for the year A. D. 1876, and the governor shall have power to appoint some disinterested person to arbitrate and settle such accounts, whenever notified by the county commissioners of either county of their inability to settle without such arbitration, each county to pay its ratable proportion of the expenses of such arbitration.

Terms of courts.

390. SEC. 6. The terms of the district and county court of the county of Ouray shall be as regulated by law.

391. SEC. 7. The county of Ouray is hereby made

part of the twentieth senatorial district, and of the fourth judicial district, and attached to the county of San Juan for representative purposes. Legislative apportionment.

392. SEC. 8. There being an emergency existing, whereby it becomes necessary for the early taking effect of this act, occasioned by the impassable roads during the winter months, preventing the transaction of all legal business during five months of the year, therefore this act shall take effect and be in force on and after its passage. Emergency.

Approved, January 18, 1877.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COUNTY OF ROUTT.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

393. SECTION 1. That so much of the county of Grand as is included in the following described boundaries, shall be set apart, and is hereby established with the legal capacity and functions of other counties of this state, to be called the county of Routt, to be bounded as follows, to wit: Establishment of Routt county.

394. SEC. 2. Beginning at a point on the summit of Gore range, where the south line of Grand county crosses said range, thence running north to the boundary line between Colorado and Wyoming territory; thence west along said boundary line to its intersection with the boundary line between Colorado and the territory of Utah; thence south along said boundary line, to a point where the north line of Summit county intersects the same; thence due east along said north boundary to the east line of the Ute reservation; thence south along east boundary of said reservation to the south line of Grand county; thence east to the place of beginning. Boundaries.

395. SEC. 3. That until the county seat shall be located as provided by law, the court for the county and the county officers [offices] shall be held at such place in the county as may be designated by the county commissioners, and at the next general election after the passage of this act, the qualified electors of said county of Routt shall select a county seat by ballot. The county clerk, in his notice of said election, shall notify the electors of said county to have written County seat.