

CHAP. 201. county of this State, shall be so appointed as that there shall be three at least always resident in each election district, and it shall be the duty of the Governor and Council to select, appoint and assign three of the said Justices of the Peace in each election district, to be justices of a court to be held in said election district, in the manner hereinafter provided, which said justices when so appointed and assigned, shall be styled in their commission District Justices, and before they shall act as such and during their continuance in office, they shall reside within the election district for which they are appointed, and each of the said district justices, out of court, shall have and exercise, throughout their respective counties, all the powers, duties and jurisdiction of other justices of the peace therein, and also such further and other jurisdiction, within their respective districts, as is hereinafter given and provided.

Styled district justices

Their powers

District court

Monthly

To designate time and place of holding court

Jurisdiction assigned

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said district justices, or any two of them shall constitute and hold a court, to be styled the District Court, in the several and respective election districts, to which they shall be appointed and assigned, at least once in every month, on such days and at such places, within the several election districts, as the said district justices or a majority of them, shall for their respective districts, fix and ascertain, and it shall be the duty of the said district justices as soon after their appointment and qualification as may be, and so from time to time as the public convenience may in their judgment require, to fix and designate the most suitable and convenient days, and place or places in each election district, for holding the said district courts at least once in every month; and it shall be the duty of the said district justices, on the several days and at the places so as aforesaid fixed and designated, to meet and hold the said district courts, and the said district justices or any two of them, so met, shall have jurisdiction over and may take cognizance of all cases whatever, now within the jurisdiction or cognizance of a single or two justices of the peace, and in all like or similar cases, where the debt or damages laid or claimed shall