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to perform the duties enjoined on them by the second section of an act, passed at Nashville, the 19th of February, 1836, chapter XLVIII, that it shall be the duty of the several county surveyors to do and perform said services within their respective counties, and that said county surveyors shall be allowed the same fees, and be subject to the same penalties that said principal surveyors were entitled to, and liable for, in processioning said lands, and that said county surveyors shall return a plat and certificate of each tract so processioned by them to the entry taker of the county, who shall forthwith record the same in his survey book, for which services the said entry taker shall be allowed the same fees as for other services of the same kind, and that said several tracts of land shall be liable to attachment and final judgment for all expenses in processioning and recording the same.

JOHN COCKE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
TERRY H. CAHAL,
Speaker of the Senate.

Passed January 13th, 1838.

CHAPTER CXXXVII.

An Act to suppress the sale and use of Bowie Knives and Arkansas Tooth Picks in this State.

Knives not to be sold or given away

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,* That if any merchant, pedlar, jeweller, confectioner, grocery keeper, or other person or persons whatsoever, shall sell or offer to sell, or shall bring into this State, for the purpose of selling, giving or disposing of in any other manner whatsoever, any Bowie knife or knives, or Arkansas tooth picks, or any knife or weapon that shall in form, shape or size resemble a Bowie knife or any Arkansas tooth pick, such merchant, pedlar, jeweller, confectioner, grocery keeper, or other person or persons for every such Bowie knife or knives, or weapon that shall in form, shape or size resemble a Bowie knife or Arkansas tooth pick so sold, given or otherwise disposed of, or offered to be sold, given or otherwise disposed of, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof upon indictment or presentment, shall be fined in a sum not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not less than one month nor more than six months.

Not to be worn

SEC. 2. That if any person shall wear any Bowie knife, Arkansas tooth pick, or other knife or weapon that shall in

form, shape or size resemble a Bowie knife or Arkansas tooth pick under his clothes, or keep the same concealed about his person, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not less than two hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, and shall be imprisoned in the county jail not less than three months and not more than six months.

SEC. 3. That if any person shall maliciously draw or attempt to draw any Bowie knife, Arkansas tooth pick, ^{Penalty of drawing a knife} or any knife or weapon that shall in form, shape or size resemble a Bowie knife or Arkansas tooth pick, from under his-clothes or from any place of concealment about his person, for the purpose of sticking, cutting, awing, or intimidating any other person, such person so drawing or attempting to draw, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be confined in the jail and penitentiary house of this State for a period of time not less than three years, nor more than five years.

SEC. 4. That if any person carrying any knife or weapon known as a Bowie knife, Arkansas tooth pick, or any knife or weapon that shall in form, shape or size resemble a Bowie knife, on a sudden rencounter, shall cut or stab another person with such knife or weapon, whether death ensues or not, such person so stabbing or cutting shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be confined in the jail and penitentiary house of this State, for a period of time not less than three years, nor more than fifteen years. ^{Penalty for using knife}

SEC. 5. That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of March next. And it shall be the duty of the several judges of the circuit courts in this State to give the same in charge to the grand jury every term of the respective courts, and any civil officer who shall arrest and prosecute to conviction and punishment any person guilty of any of the offences enumerated in this act, shall be entitled to the sum of fifty dollars, to be taxed in the bill of costs, and the attorney general shall be entitled to a tax fee of twenty dollars in each case, when a defendant shall be convicted, and no prosecutor required on any presentment or indictment for any of the offences enumerated in this act. ^{Of prosecutions.}

JOHN COCKE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
TERRY H. CAHAL,
Speaker of the Senate.

Passed January 27th, 1838.