

Bills Introduced by 19<sup>th</sup> Century African American Legislators  
44<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, 1885

[HB 29, 34, & 63 from 1886 Extraordinary Session are missing from TSLA collection.]

**HB 13 – GA 44, 1885 (McElwee—Finances hospital for the insane)**

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House bill no 13

An Act to provide for the erection of  
an Insane Hospital in West Tennessee

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Recommended for passage

S.A. McAlwee [*sic*]

[*Text, Copy 2*]

An Act to provide for the erection of an Insane Hospital in West Tennessee.

**Section I** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. That the Governor of the State shall appoint three commissioners to superintend the construction of said Hospital, and to select and purchase a tract of land, not more than one hundred acers [*sic*] or less than seventy five acers, capable of cultivation, near Jackson Tennessee. Said tract shall be conveniently situated for receiving supplies of fuel, either of wood or coal. Said commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services, over and above the necessary expences [*sic*] incurred in the discharge of their duties.

**Section II** Be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have power to select and appoint a gentelman [*sic*] of thorough medical education, familiar with the care and treatment of the Insane, who, together with themselves, shall prepare a plan for the proposed hospital, and superintend its erection; the said plan shall be drawn out in detail by a competent architect employed by said commissioners and superintending physicians, which plan shall be in strict conformity with propositions on constructions of institutions for the insane, and shall be approved by the Governor, or shuch [*sic*] experts as he may select for deciding upon the propriety of the same, and no change shall be made in said plan to materially affect its character or cash without the consent of the Governor, or said expert, in writting [*sic*].

**Sec. 3<sup>rd</sup>** Be it further enacted, That the commissioners shall fix the salary of the medical officer herein provided for during the time he is engaged with them in superintending the erection of said building, as that also of the architect and all others whose services may be required in the proper construction of the same.

**Sec. 4<sup>th</sup>** Be it further enacted, That to enable the said Commissioners to carry into effect the provisions of this Act, and make all necessary preparations for the purchase of the land and the erection of the building provided for herin [*sic*], the sum of eighty five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, and the Comptroller shall issue his warrents [*sic*] on the Treasurer from time to time for such sums as the Commissioners may order in a written certificate.

**Sec. 5<sup>th</sup>** Be it further enacted, that the said commissioners and physician shall proceed to erect said building, and complete the same at as early a day as posible [*sic*], compatible with the perfection or skillful execution of the work, and they shall annually make reports through the superintending physician to the Governor, of the amount of money expended by them, and the progress made in the erection of the building.

**Sec. 6<sup>th</sup>** Be it further enacted, That the laws now in force in this State relative to the management and regulation of Insane Asylum, be and are hereby extended, and made to apply to the government and regulation of the Asylum in West Tennessee, and the trustees now authorized by law to control and manage the Insane Asylums of this State, shall be and they are hereby constituted the trustees of said Asylum in West Tennessee: Provided, that the purchase of the land and the building to be erected shall not exceed in cash eighty five thousand dollars and the plans of the architect shall be so made as to come within the provision of this Act, and the contract price for the land and the erection of the building thereon shall not exceed that sum.

**Sec. 7<sup>th</sup>** Be it further enacted, That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring.

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House Bill, No. 13

An Act to provide for the erection of an Insane Hospital in West Tennessee.

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Enrolled, Mch. 28.

S.A. McAlwee

[Text, Copy 2]  
House Bill No. 13.

An Act to provide for the erection of an Insane Hospital in West Tennessee.

**Sec. 1** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That ~~the Governor of the State shall appoint three~~ Jno M. Lea, Jno H. Callendar & W.P. Jones be and are hereby appointed Commissioners to superintend the construction of said hospital, and said Commissioners to select and purchase a tract of land, not more than one hundred acres or less than seventy-five acres, capable of cultivation at some suitable place in West Tennessee. Said tract shall be conveniently situated for receiving supplied of fuel, either of wood or coal. Said Commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services, over and above the necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

**Sec. 2** Be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have power to select and appoint a gentleman of thorough medical education, familiar with the care and treatment of the insane, who, together with themselves, shall prepare a plan for the proposed hospital, and superintend its erection; the said plan shall be drawn out in detail by a competent architect employed by said Commissioners and superintending physician, which plan shall be in strict conformity with propositions on constructions of institutions for the insane, and shall be approved by the Governor, or such experts as he may select for deciding upon the propriety of the same, and no change shall be made in said plan to materially affect its character or cost without the consent of the Governor, or said expert in writing.

**Sec. 3** Be it further enacted, That the Commissioners shall fix the salary of the medical officer herein provided for during the time he is engaged with them in superintending the erection of said building, as also that of the architect and all others whose services may be required in the proper construction of the same.

**Sec. 4** Be it further enacted, That to enable the said Commissioners to carry into effect the provisions of this Act, and make all necessary preparations for the purchase of the land and the erection of the building provided for herein, the sum of eight=five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, and the Comptroller shall issue his warrants on the Treasurer from time to time for such sums as the Commissioner may order in a written certificate.

**Sec. 5** Be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners and physician shall proceed to erect said building, and complete the same at as early a day as possible, compatible with the perfection or skillful execution of the work, and they shall annually make reports through the superintending physicians to the Governor, of the amount of money expended by them, and the progress made in the erection of the building.

**Sec. 6** Be it further enacted, That the laws now in force in this State relative to the management and regulation of insane asylums be and are hereby extended and made to apply to the government and regulation of the asylum in West Tennessee, and the trustees now authorized by law to control and manage the insane asylums of this State

shall be, and they are hereby constituted, the trustees of said asylum in West Tennessee. Provided, that the purchase of the land and the building to be erected shall not exceed in cost eighty-five thousand dollars, and the plans of the architect shall be so made as to come within the provision of this act, and the contract price for the land and the erection of the building thereon shall not exceed that sum.

**Sec. 7**            Be it further enacted, That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**HB 31 – GA 44, 1885 (Fields—Limits debts incurred for land rental)**

[*On cover*]

An act to amend Section 4280 of  
Milliken Vertrees Code  
HB No 31  
J.C  
P 1 R Jany 9.  
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Recommended to be laid on the table  
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Laid on table Jany 28.

Wm. A. Feilds [*sic*]

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[*Text*]

An act to amend Section 4280 of Milliken & Vertrees code of Tennessee

**Section first.** Be It enacted by general Assembly of the State of Tennessee That Section 4280 of Milliken & Vertrees Code of Tennessee be amended to read as follows towit: Any debt by note, account, or otherwise, created for the rent of Land, is a lien on the crop growing or made on the premises, in preference to all other debts, from the date of the contract; Provided that in no case shall the Lien Thus given, operate on more than one Third of the crop so grown on the premises this rented, and two thirds shall be exempt from execution or attachment to enforce said lien.

Be it further enacted, That this act take effect from and after its passage the public welfare requiring it.

**HB 34 – GA 44, 1885 (McElwee—Repeals Section 2437a of the Code)**

[*On cover*]

An act to repeal Section 3292 of Milliken & Vertrees' code  
being Section 2437a of Thompson & Steger's code of Tennessee

HB No. 34

P 1 R. Jany 9.

P.2.R “ 20 JC

Recommended for rejection

Rejected Feby 11.

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Sec. 2437—a + b – both sections pass

[*Text*]

An Act to repeal Section 3292 of Milliken & Vertrees Code\* of Tennessee, the same being Section 2437b of Thompson & Steger's code.

**Section 1<sup>st</sup>** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, that Section 3292 of Milliken & Vertrees' code of Tennessee, being Section 2437a of Thompson & Steger's Code of Tennessee, be and the same is hereby repealed.

**Section 2<sup>nd</sup>** Be it further enacted that this act take effect from and after its passage the public welfare requiring it.

\* The Code of Tennessee: being a compilation of the statute laws of the state of Tennessee, of a general nature, in force June 1, 1884 / by W. A. Milliken and John J. Vertrees. Nashville, Tenn. : Marshall & Bruce, 1884.

**HB 69 – GA 44, 1885 (Hodge—Prohibits police from serving process)**

This bill is missing from TSLA collection.

**HB 96 – GA 44, 1885 (McElwee—Increases a fee)**

[*On cover*]

House Bill No. 96

An Act to Amend section 5299 of Miliken [*sic*]

& Vertrees code of Tennessee

P 1 R Jany 14

P 2 R Jany 20

Recommended to be laid on the table

Tabled Jany 25

S.A. McAlwee

[*Text*]

An Act to amend section 5299 of Miliken & Vertrees Code of Tennessee.

**Section I** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That section 5299 of Miliken & Vertrees Code of Tennessee be amended as follows: — strike out the words one dollar & fifty cents and insert two Dollars.

**Sec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** Be it further enacted That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public wellfare [*sic*] requiring it.



**HB 99 – GA 44, 1885 (Evans—Limits garnishment of wages)**

[*On cover*]

House Bill no. 99

A Bill to be entitled  
An act to amend the exemption laws as to  
the wages of mechanics, laboring men,  
clerks, and other employees  
P 1 R Jany 14  
P.2.R. JC 29  
Tabled Mch 20

Judiciary

Recommended to be passed 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Overturn referral to this committee  
Jany 20<sup>th</sup>/85

Evans of Shelby

[*Text*]

Title of Amendment.

An Act, to amend an Act, entitled (An Act to amend an Act to amend the Exemption Laws, and to comprise them all in one Act) passed Jany. 31<sup>st</sup> 1871, and approved Feby 1<sup>st</sup> 1871; so as to exempt only Seven Dollars and fifty cents per week, of the wages of Mechanics, other laboring men, clerks and other employes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee,

**Sec 1.** That there shall be exempt from execution, attachment or garnish-ment, Seven Dollars and fifty cents per week, of the wages of mechanics, or other laborers, clerks and all other employes;  
Provided, that the lien created by service or garnishment, shall only affect that portion of a laborer's, clerk's, mechanic's, or other employe's wages, that may be due at the time service is made, and not any future wages.

**Sec. 2.** Be it further enacted  
That with the exception of the exemptions made in Sec 1, of this Act, the wages of mechanics, laborers, clerks and all other employes, shall be subject to garnishment, upon execution or attachment.

**Sec. 3.** Be it further enacted,  
The public welfare requiring it, that this act take effect, from and after its passage.

**HB 119 – GA 44, 1885 (Fields—Compulsory school enrollment)**

[*On cover*]

HB 119

Bill to be entitled An Act to require Parents and Gaurdains [*sic*]  
to send children to School

P 1 R Jany 15

Ed & CS

Recommend to lie on the table  
tabled Mch 3

W. A. Fields

[*Text*]

Bill to be entitled An Act to require Parents and Gaurdains to send children to school

**Section 1** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee that all Parents and Gaurdains, having children in care between the ages of seven and sixteen years, and physically able, shall have them regularly enrolled in a district, town or city, public or private School, and continue them in actual attendance, at least one hundred and twenty days during each scholastic year.

**Section 2** Be it further enacted that a willful violation of section one of this Act shall be a misdemeanor and punishable by a find [*sic*] not less than ten nor more than fifty Dollars for each defendse [*sic*].

**Section 3** Be it further enacted that this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**HB 139 – GA 44, 1885 (Hodge—Amends an earlier road act)**

[*On cover*]

House Bill No 139

An Act

To amend an act entitled an Act to regulate  
the working and laying out of public Roads”  
passed March 28, 1881

P 1 R Jany 19

Public Rds

Tabled Feb 27

Hodge of Hamilton County

Com. Rec. To lie on the Table

[*Text*]

An Act

To amend an act, entitled “An Act to regulate the working and laying out of public roads”  
passed March 23, 1881.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of Tennessee: That Section 5. of an act  
entitled “An Act to regulate the working and laying out of public roads” passed March  
23<sup>d</sup> 1881. be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word “two” in the  
second line thereof and inserting the word “ten” instead – and by striking out the word  
“fifteen” in said second line and inserting the words “twenty five” instead.

**Section 2.** Be it further enacted that this act shall take effect and be in force from and  
after its passage the public welfare requiring it.

**HB 140 – GA 44, 1885 (Hodge—Limits the time for road work)**

[*On cover*]

House Bill No 140

An Act

To amend an Act passed March 23, 1991, and approved March 30, 1881 and the Act amendatory thereof passed April 25, 1882, and approved April 26, 1882

Entitled An Act to regulate the working and laying out of Public roads”

P 1 R Jany 19

Public Rds

Tabled Feby 27

Hodge of Hamilton Co.

Com. Rec. To lie on the Table

[*Text*]

An Act

To Amend An Act entitled “an Act to amend an Act passed March 23, 1881 and approved March 30, 1881, and an Act amendatory thereof passed April 25, 1882, and approved April 26, 1882, entitled an Act to regulate the working and laying out of public roads.”

**Section 1** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That Section 13, of an Act passed March 23, 1883 and approved March 26, 1883, entitled “an act to amend an act passed March 23, 1881 and approved March 30, 1881, and the act amendatory thereof, passed April 25, 1882 and approved April 26, 1882, entitled an act to regulate the working and laying out of public Roads” be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows. That the overseers shall work on their respective roads, two days in each year, and all persons subject to work on the public highways are hereby required to work thereon for two days in every year and no more.

**Section 2** Be it further enacted that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage the public welfare requiring it.

**HB 141 – GA 44, 1885 (Hodge—Repeals Chapter 130, 1875)**

[*On cover*]

House Bill No 141

An Act

To repeal an act, entitled “An Act to define the rights, duties and liabilities of inn-keepers, common carriers, and proprietors of places of public amusement: passed March 24, 1870.

P. 1. R. Jany 19.

P. 2. R. JC 29

Recommend rejection Jany 28<sup>th</sup>

Rejected Feby 27

Hodge of

Hamilton County

[*Text*]

An Act

To repeal an act, entitled “an act to define the rights, duties and liabilities of inn-keepers, common carriers, and proprietors of places of public amusement,” passed March 24, 1875.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. That an act entitled “An Act to define the rights, duties and liabilities of inn-keepers, common carriers, and proprietors of places of public amusement” passed March 24, 1875 be and the same is hereby repealed.

**Section 2.** Be it further enacted that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage the public welfare requiring it.

**HB 151 – GA 44, 1885 (Fields—Requires truth in advertising wages)**

[*On cover*]

H B 151

An Act to be entitled an act to require corporations, contractors, and other institutions that advertise for hands to employ and pay them according to advertisements.

P. 1. R. Jany 19

P. 2. R “ JC 24

Recommended for rejection

Rejected Mch 2

Fields

[*Text*]

An act to be entitled an act to require corporations, contractors, Subcontractors, and other Institutions that advertise for hands, to employ and pay them according to advertisement.

**Section 1** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee that all corporations, contractors, Subcontractors, and other Institutions, that advertise in newspapers, bills or by Agents, for hands to be employed by said corporations, contractors, Subcontractors, or Institution, shall state in the advertisement the kind of employment, the number of hand can be employed, the wages that will be paid per day, month or year, and how long said number of hands can be employed.

**Section 2** Be it further enacted that such advertisements, as are mentioned in section one of this Act, shall be a legal contract for all able bodied hands, who have left their houses and places of employment, for the purpose of engaging in the employment and for the wages states in said advertisement to enter suit against the proprietors, or employers, of the Institutions mentioned in section one of this act, for the employment, and ~~the~~ payment of the wages as are stated their advertisement, until said advertisement is discontinued.

**Section 3** Be it further enacted That this act take effect from and after its passage. The public require it.

**HB 156 – GA 44, 1885 (Evans—Road work and laborers)**

[*On cover*]

No HB 156

An act to be entitled an act to amend section 4 of chapter 38 of an act passed March 28<sup>th</sup> 1881 entitled an act to regulate the working and laying out of public roads P 1 R Jany 19.

Pub Rds.

Com. Rec. to lie on the Table

Laid on table Mch 2

Evans of Shelby

[*Text*]

An act to be entitled an act. to amend section 4 of chapter 38 of an act passed March 28. 1881 entitled an act to regulate the working and laying out of public roads.

**Section 1** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Tennessee, That section 4 of chapter 38 of an act entitled an act, to regulate the working and laying out of public roads be amended so as to read, That all male inhabitants over twenty one and under forty five years of age except such as are prematurely disabled from performing common labor, and are released by the commissioner, shall work not less than two nor more than four days upon the highways each year, the work to be done at any time. The overseer shall give three day's notice of the time and place to commence. Any road hand so notified may be exempted from work by sending an ablebodied [*sic*] substitute or paying one Dollar for each day, or by furnishing any team and plow or wagon. The overseer may require to be allowed a credit for the same a[s] provided in the next section

**Section 2** Be it further enacted, That this act take effect from and after its passage. The public welfare require it.

**HB 213 – GA 44, 1885 (Fields—Ensures bipartisan election judges)**

[*On cover*]

HB 213

An act to be entitled An Act to amend  
an act passed April 4, 1881  
entitled an act to provide that judges of elections  
shall be appointed from different political parties

P – 1 – R – Jany 21.

P 2 R “ 24

Elections

Recommended to lay on table  
tabled Mch 6

W. A. Feilds [*sic*]

[*Text*]

An Act to be Entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 102 of an act passed April 4, 1881 entitled an act to provide that judges of elections shall be appointed from different political parties.

**Section 1.** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That section one of chapter 102 of an act passed April 4, 1881 entitled an act to provide that Judges of Elections shall be appointed from different political parties, be amended so as to read, That each candidate of the different political parties shall appoint one judge for each precinct in the districts, counties, or congressional district in which they are candidates for election.

**Section 2** Be it further enacted, that section 2 of Chapter 102 of the act mentioned in section one of this act be amended so as to read, that such judges of elections shall be elected by, and appointed at the request of each of the several candidates of the different political parties. Such judges shall be qualified and vested with the legal authority as all other judges of elections.

**Section 3** Be it further enacted, That this act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.



**HB 447 – GA 44, 1885 (Evans—Penalizes discrimination by railroads)**

[*On cover*]

House Bill No. 447.

An act to repeal an act intitled [*sic*] and an act to prevent discriminations by railroad companies among passengers who are charged and paying first class passage, and fixing penalty for the violation same.

P. 1. R. Feby 14

P. 2. “ “ 16

JC

Recommended for rejection Mar. 6

Wm. A. Fields

[*Text*]

An act to repeal an act passed April 7, 1881 entitle, an act to prevent discriminations by railroad companies among passengers who are charged and paying first class passage, and fixing penalty for the violation same.

**Section 1.** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That Sections one and two of chapter 155 of an act to prevent discriminations by railroad companies among passengers who are charged and paying first class passage, and fixing penalty for the violation, Be, and the same are hereby repealed.

**Section 2** Be is further enacted, That this act take effect from and after passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**HB 495 – GA 44, 1885 (McElwee—Protects women)**

This bill is missing from TSLA collection. This was probably another attempt at passing a miscegenation law, intended to protect married African American women and young girls from sexual assault by white males.

**HB 514 – GA 44, 1885 (Evans—Appoints Asst. Supt. of Schools)**

[*On cover*]

House Bill No 514

A Bill to be entitled an act  
to provide for appointment of  
an Assistant Superintendent  
of public instruction

P. 1. R. Feby 19.

P. 2. R “ 20

Ed & CS

Recommended to lie on the table.

G. E. Evans

[*Text*]

A Bill to be

entitled an act to provid [*sic*] for the appointment Assistant Superintendent of public  
Education—

**Section 1** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee that the Governor be and is hereby aurtherized [*sic*] to appoint an Assistant Superintendent of public Instruction. whoes [*sic*] duties shall be defined and regulated by the State Superintendent—and subject to the rules and regulations governing the same—And, that said Assistant Superintendent shall receive for said services the sum of twelve hundred dollars, the same to be paid out of the same fund and in the same manor [*sic*] as the State Superintendent of public Instruction.

**Section 2** Be it further enacted that the office of said Assistant Superintendent shall be located in the city of Memphis in county of Shelby in some public building—

**Section 3** Be it further enacted that this bill take effect from and after its pasage [*sic*] the public welfare requiring it—

**HB 655 – GA 44, 1885 (Hodge—Regulates insurance companies)**

[On cover]

An Act to license Life & Accident Insurance Companies  
formed on the Assessment Plan

HB 655

P. 1. R Mch 19

P 2 R “ 21

JC

Hodge of Hamilton

Recommended to lie on the table Mch 28 85

[Text – note: this is a printed petition, with several pages of signatures attached. Only the first line and the signatures are handwritten.]

An Act to license Life or Accident Insurance Companies formed on the Assessment Plan.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF TENNESSEE.

SECTION I.

That any corporation or association organized under the laws of this, or any other State or government for, and carrying on, the business of life or accident insurance on the assessment plan, shall be licensed by the insurance department to transact business in the State, and shall have the right to so transact business so long as it shall so continue to pay its legitimate losses to the full limit named in its certificates or policies. And such corporation or association shall, on or before the first day of March in each year, furnish to the insurance department a full and complete detailed statement of its income and disbursements for the previous year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, which statement shall be published in the annual report of said department.

SECTION II.

All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION III.

This Act shall take effect immediately.

*We, the undersigned, citizens and voters, respectfully request that you will secure the defeat of any measure inimical to the system of assessment life or accident insurance, and urge upon you the passage of the above law.*

[Note: spelling of names is approximate – some of the signatures are quite difficult to read.]

Creed F. Bates

Geo T White

W.E. Baskette

Chattanooga Tenn

Chattanooga Tenn

Chattanooga “

JH Nanner	“	“	J.P. McMan	
M.W. Pattilla	“	“	GGLilly	
A.M. Johnson	“	“	George Burge	
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H.S. Thacher	Chattanooga,		H. Goodman Jr.	
Tenn.			Wm Cole	
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Tenn.			S.M. Adams & Bro.	
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Tenn.			Thos. V. Miller	
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M.E. Abbey			Vance Kirby	
E.P. Walsh			J. J. Lowry	
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J.H. Cleage			[Illegible]	
Chase & Co.			J.W. Pickens	
HSchwartz			WB Hunt	
PL Gamble			W.E.Ragsdale	
JE MacGowan			S DeLong	
GN Ochs			J. L. Gaston	
CW Norum 21 <sup>st</sup> Ky Inf.			W. T. Shelton	
A Henke			GMDonnelly	
Charles Fonstner			J Long	
Jno.R Nillain				
CR Ellsworth				
D.P.H. Anderson				
C.B. Freeman				
A.P. Smith				
B.S. Wert				
W.G. Oehning				
F.F. Wiehl				
RK Robertson				

**HR 88 – GA 44, 1885 (McElwee—Requires a study of UT admissions)**

This bill is missing from the TSLA collection.

**HJR 9 – GA 44, 1885 (McElwee—Urges fed. support of Blair Ed. Bill)**

[*On cover*]

S.A. McAlwee

HJR No 9

Indefinitely postponed Jany 13

McElwee

[*Text*]

Whereas, the bill known as the Blair Educational bill has passed the Senate of the U.S. and is now pending before the House of Representatives; therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, that our representatives be requested to vote and use their influence for the passage of this bill. Resolved that the Secretary of State be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to our members in Congress.

**HJR 108 – GA 44, 1885 (Evans—Names Howell E. Jackson to cabinet)**

This bill is missing from the TSLA collection.



**HJR 149 – GA 44, 1885 (McElwee – Enables the Governor to fill a  
board vacancy on the Insane Asylum Commission)**

[*On cover, Copy 1*]

House joint resolution No. 149

Taken up & adopted April 3<sup>d</sup>

S.A. McElwee

[*Text, Copy 1*]

Whereas, it has been made known that the Honorable J. M. Lea declines to accept the trust as one of the Commissioners to locate and superintend the erection of an insane asylum for the Western District of Tennessee and the other persons named as commissioners in the bill passed for the location and erection of said asylum have signified their willingness to accept so far as to locate the same but can not superintend its erection;

Therefore be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee that the Governor be authorized and directed to fill all vacancies which have or may hereafter occur in the board of such Commissioners and the Commissioners appointed by the Governor shall have all the powers granted in the said bill providing for the erection of said asylum.

[*On cover, Copy 2*]

H.J.R. No 149

Concurred in April 9

Passed April 3

S.A. McElwee

[*Text, Copy 2*]

Whereas it has been made known that the Honorable J.M. Lea declines to accept the trust as one of the commissioners to locate and superintend the erection of an Insane Asylum for the Western District of ~~the State~~ Tennessee, and the other persons named as commissioners in the bill passed for the location and erection of said asylum have signified their willingness to accept so far as to locate the same but cannot superintend its erection;

Therefore be it resolved by the General Assembly of the state of Tennessee; That the Governor be authorized and directed to fill all vacancies which have or may hereafter occur in the board of such commissioners, and the commissioners appointed by the Governor shall have all the powers granted in the said bill providing for the erection of said asylum.

**HJR 157 – GA 44, 1885 (McElwee—Permits black cadets to attend UT)**

[*On cover*]

House Joint Resolution  
No 157.

S. A. McElwee

[*Text*]

House Joint Resolution No 157.

Whereas the colored cadets of the State are prohibited from enjoying the benefits of the East Tennessee University,

There for [*sic*] be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee that the Trustees of the East Tennessee University are hereby directed and required to pay the sum allowed as tuition to each student or cadet in said University to any of the colored Colleges or universities in the State which may be selected by the cadets.

**HB 29 – ES 1885 (Evans—Appoints Asst. Supt. of schools)**

This bill is missing from the TSLA collection. This was Evans' second attempt to pass a bill funding the position of Assistant Superintendent of Schools. The bill, requested by the Governor in his address to the General Assembly at the beginning of the Session, would appropriate funds for an Assistant Superintendent who would oversee the education of African American students in Tennessee.

**HB 34 – ES 1885 (Fields—Distribution of teaching certificates)**

This bill is missing from the TSLA collection.

**HB 63 – ES 1885 (Hodge--Voting)**

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