

## WINSTON COUNTY

(See also Hancock County which is included at the end of this county.)

**ADDISON**--See INDEX OF MUNICIPAL LAWS

### AGRICULTURE

Farm products, hours of sale--1884, 351  
Livestock regulated--1874, 619; 1898, 800

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Sale regulated--1871, 181; 1872, 176, 192; 1874, 276; 1888, 258; 1890, 1240, 1244; 1900, 2589; 1907, 236

### BANKS

Branch banks authorized--(GBLA) 1961, 1516; (GBLA) 1973, 627; 1975, 2291

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Compensation--1959, 1146; (GBLA) 1969, 187; (GBLA) 1971, 3800; (GBLA) 1975, 2062  
Created--1931, 257  
Election--1961, 2045; 1962, 142; 1965, 172  
Expense allowance--(GBLA) 1969, 355; (GBLA) 1971, 3800

Constitutional Amendment 908, 2015-219 (ratified 2016)--Sixteenth Section lands for educational purposes granted to board to manage and control.

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Expense allowance--(GBLA) 1969, 730; (GBLA) 1971, 3804

### BOARD OF FINANCE AND CONTROL--See also BOARD OF REVENUE; COUNTY COMMISSION; COURT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Created--1957, 152; superseded--1959, 902; amended--1965, 390; referendum, repealed--94-206, 266

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Compensation--2000-349, 550  
Election officers, compensation--80-371, 493  
Expense allowance--(GBLA) 1969, 766; (GBLA) 1971, 3802; amended, referendum--2002-335, 904  
Voter reidentification--81-300, 381

### BOARD OF REVENUE--See also BOARD OF FINANCE AND CONTROL; COUNTY COMMISSION; COURT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Abolished--1957, 152  
Created--1955, 327; 1959, 902; 1965, 390; referendum, repealed--94-206, 266

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Renewal of license by mail or electronic means authorized; referendum--2010-518, 782  
Roads, bridges, and ferries construction, maintenance, and repair, referendum--94-206, 266

### BOUNDARIES

Altered--1900, 2680

**CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT**

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**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS**

Attached to 7th district--1890, 627

**CONSTABLES**

Fees established--1890, 67; 1898, 985

**CORONER**

Compensation--(GBLA) 1964, 234; (GBLA) 1971, 3798; 2000-649, 1298; referendum--2017-454  
Deputy--(GBLA) 1977, 697

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Postage--1900, 1346  
Vacancies filling--1965, 392; referendum, repealed--94-206, 266

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Location--1857, 352; 1859, 597

**COURT COSTS**

Increased for general fund--(GBLA) 1961, 2044  
Increased for new judicial building and jail, referendum--91-305, 562  
Increased for sheriff's fund, referendum--82-172, 202

Constitutional Amendment 424 (ratified 1982)--Authorizes Legislature to regulate court costs and method of disbursement.

**COURT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS--See also BOARD OF REVENUE; BOARD OF FINANCE AND  
CONTROL; COUNTY COMMISSION**

Abolished--1955, 327  
Bonds, issuance authorized--1865, 479; 1900, 286, 1323  
Buildings, authorized to lease to municipalities--1955, 725

Compensation--1857, 260; 1874, 546; 1900, 889; 1951, 710  
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Jurisdiction--1907, 723  
Public defender's office established (25th Jud. Cir.)--1978, 1035; repealed--2011-576, 1246; amended--2012-441, 1244  
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Register, expense allowance--80-516, 797  
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#### **COURT, COUNTY**

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Renewal of business, motor vehicle, boat licenses by mail or electronic means authorized; referendum--2010-518, 782

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#### **DOUBLE SPRINGS**--See INDEX OF MUNICIPAL LAWS

#### **ELECTIONS**

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Election officers, compensation--80-371, 493  
Voter reidentification--81-300, 381

Constitutional Amendment 255 (ratified 1965)--Local act passed by the Legislature must be approved by the county voters.

#### **ENGINEER, COUNTY**

Appointment authorized--1965 2nd Sp. Sess., 95; referendum, repealed--94-206, 266  
Office established--1949, 906; referendum--94-206, 266  
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#### **GAME AND FISH**

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Game, protection--1892, 685  
Hunting of foxes regulated--(GBLA) 1975, 1648  
Nighttime raccoons and opossums hunting--(GBLA) 1969, 713; (GBLA) 1971, 1465  
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#### **HALEYVILLE**--See INDEX OF MUNICIPAL LAWS

## **HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

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## **HOSPITALS**

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## **HOUSTON**--See INDEX OF MUNICIPAL LAWS

## **INDIGENT**--See PUBLIC WELFARE

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## **JURIES**

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## **JUSTICES OF PEACE**

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Renewal of business, motor vehicle, boat licenses by mail or electronic means authorized; referendum--2010-518, 782

## **LYNN**--See INDEX OF MUNICIPAL LAWS

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Renewal licenses by mail or electronic means authorized; referendum--2010-518, 782

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Buildings, authorized to lease to municipalities--1955, 725

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Renewal of business, motor vehicle, boat licenses by mail or electronic means authorized; referendum--2010-518, 782

Constitutional Amendment 423 (ratified 1982)--Tax assessor and tax collector offices consolidated into revenue commissioner.

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Trustees, election--1961, 1529  
Union Grove school district created--1892, 921

Constitutional Amendment 153 (ratified 1960)--Special property tax for school purposes.

#### **SHERIFF**

Chief clerk, compensation--(GBLA) 1973, 448; 80-646, 1219  
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Deputy, additional--1947, 121; 1956, 356; 1965, 1183  
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Deputy, compensation--1927, 69  
Deputy, expense allowance--(GBLA) 1965, 745; (GBLA) 1971, 3802; (GBLA) 1975, 432, 999  
Expense allowance--(GBLA) 1973, 457; (GBLA) 1977, 417, 420  
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Pistol permit fees--(GBLA) 1971, 3795; repealed--(GBLA) 79-525, 944; 79-526, 945  
Prisoners food allowance--(GBLA) 1973, 448  
Sales regulated--1888, 904  
Service of process fee, referendum--2014-416, 1525

#### **SOLICITOR, COUNTY**--See also DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Deputy, compensation--1957, 262

#### **SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

Compensation--1927, 23; 1949, 33, 193; 1957, 134; (GBLA) 1964, 234; (GBLA) 1965, 745; (GBLA) 1969, 187; (GBLA) 1971, 2487, 3803; (GBLA) 1973, 251  
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#### **TAX ASSESSOR**

Assessments legalized--1892, 70  
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Chief clerk, compensation--80-646, 1219  
Clerical assistance--1953, 192; (GBLA) 1975, 125  
Office abolished--82-92, 118; 82-346, 499; referendum--94-766, 1994 1st Sp. Sess., 49

Constitutional Amendment 423 (ratified 1982)--Office consolidated into revenue commissioner.

#### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Chief clerk, compensation--80-646, 1219  
Clerical assistance--1953, 192; (GBLA) 1975, 125  
Compensation--1859, 110; 1861, 83  
Office abolished--82-92, 118; 82-346, 499; referendum--94-766, 1994 1st Sp. Sess., 49

Constitutional Amendment 423 (ratified 1982)--Office consolidated into revenue commissioner.

**TAXATION**

Ad valorem tax--1959, 820; 2000-405, 632; 2000-496, 943  
Coal severance tax--1978, 119, 1764; 79-491, 905  
Gasoline tax, state, distribution--1955, 723  
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Sales and use tax, referendum--1957, 1083; 1961, 1295  
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Tax sales legalized--1870, 227  
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Constitutional Amendment 153 (ratified 1960)--Special property tax for school purposes.  
Constitutional Amendment 254 (ratified 1965)--Ad valorem tax for hospital.

**VOTERS**

Election officers, compensation--80-371, 493  
Reidentification--81-300, 381

**WATER AND WATERCOURSES**

Navigable streams--1898, 1688  
Roads, bridges, and ferries construction, maintenance, and repair, referendum--94-206, 266

Constitutional Amendment 515 (ratified 1990)--Water coordinating and fire prevention authority established.

**LOCAL LAWS APPLYING TO MUNICIPALITIES OF WINSTON COUNTY****ADDISON****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Constitutional Amendment 256 (ratified 1965)--Gives city power to enter into commerce.

**TAXATION**

Sales and use tax--1963, 898

**DOUBLE SPRINGS****BOUNDARIES**

Corporate limits altered--1957, 1119

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Constitutional Amendment 104 (ratified 1954)--Gives city power to enter into commerce.

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Authorized--1953, 189

**TAXATION**

Sales and use tax--1959, 1187

## **HALEYVILLE**

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Dispensary established--1907, 415

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Election, referendum--90-395, 551

### **BOUNDARIES**

Corporate limits altered--1961, 1240, 1619; 1962, 179; 1965, 60; 1965 Sp. Sess., 80; 1973, 1465

### **BUILDINGS**

Privies, construction--1957, 513

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### **COURT, CIRCUIT**

Court to be held at Haleyville--1919, 164

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Constitutional Amendment 104 (ratified 1954)--Gives city power to enter into commerce.

### **INCORPORATION**

Haleyville incorporated--1888, 1014

### **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Authorized--1953, 189

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **TAXATION**

Sales and use tax--1957, 367; 1959, 1595; 1961, 1527

Constitutional Amendment 54 (ratified 1946)--Gives city power to levy property tax.

## **HOUSTON**

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Prohibition, enacted--1871, 181; repealed--1872, 192

## **LYNN**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Constitutional Amendment 256 (ratified 1965)--Gives city power to enter into commerce.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Constitutional Amendment 908--2015-219 (ratified 2016)--Sixteenth Section lands for educational purposes granted to board to manage and control.

**COURT COSTS**

Constitutional Amendment 424 (ratified 1982)--Authorizes Legislature to regulate court costs and method of disbursement.

**COURT, PROBATE**

Constitutional Amendment 877--2012-481 (ratified 2012)--Judge, compensation; duties relating to motor vehicle license plates and taxes transferred from revenue commissioner.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Constitutional Amendment 104 (ratified 1954)--Gives cities of Double Springs and Haleyville power to enter into commerce.

Constitutional Amendment 256 (ratified 1965)--Gives cities of Addison and Lynn power to enter into commerce.

**FIRE PROTECTION**

Constitutional Amendment 515 (ratified 1990)--Water coordinating and fire prevention authority established.

**HOSPITALS**

Constitutional Amendment 254 (ratified 1965)--Ad valorem tax for hospital.

**LEGISLATION**

Constitutional Amendment 255 (ratified 1965)--Local act passed by the Legislature must be approved by the county voters.

**REVENUE COMMISSIONER**

Constitutional Amendment 423 (ratified 1982)--Tax assessor and tax collector offices consolidated into revenue commissioner.

**TAX ASSESSOR**

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**TAX COLLECTOR**

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**TAXATION**

Constitutional Amendment 54 (ratified 1946)--Gives city of Haleyville power to levy property tax.

Constitutional Amendment 153 (ratified 1960)--Special property tax for school purposes.

Constitutional Amendment 254 (ratified 1965)--Ad valorem tax for hospital.

**WATER AND WATERCOURSES**

Constitutional Amendment 515 (ratified 1990)--Water coordinating and fire prevention authority established.

**HANCOCK COUNTY**

(Name changed to Winston County, 1857)

**CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT**

Office consolidated with probate judge--1853, 87; 1857, 238

**COUNTY OFFICERS**

Compensation--1855, 75

**COURT, CIRCUIT**

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**COURT, PROBATE**

Judge, office consolidated with circuit court clerk--1853, 87; 1857, 238

**ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY**

Hancock County established--1849, 90

Name changed to Winston County--1857, 327

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**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

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**SHERIFF**

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**TAX COLLECTOR**

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