

An Ordinance,  
to provide for the formation of a new State  
out of a portion of the territory of this State.  
(Passed August 20, 1861.)

Whereas it is represented to be the desire of the people inhabiting the Counties hereinafter mentioned, to be separated from this Commonwealth, and to be erected into a separate ~~and independent~~ State, and admitted into the Union of States, and become a member of the Government of the United States;

The People of Virginia, by their delegates assembled in Convention at Wheeling, do ordain, that a new State, to be called the State of Kanawha, be formed and erected out of the territory included within the following described boundary; beginning on the Fort of Sandy River, on the Kentucky line where the Counties of Buchanan and Logan join the same; and running thence, with the dividing lines of said Counties and the dividing line of the Counties of Wyoming and Mc Dowell, to the Mercer County line; and with the dividing line of the Counties of Mercer and Wyoming, to the Raleigh County line; ~~and~~ thence, with the dividing line of the Counties of Raleigh and Mercer, Monroe and Raleigh, Greenbrier and Raleigh, Fayette and Greenbrier, Nicholas and Greenbrier, Webster, Greenbrier and Pocahontas, Randolph and Pocahontas, Randolph and Pendleton, to the south west corner of Hardy County; thence, with the dividing line of the Counties of Hardy and

Tucker, to the Fairfax Stone; thence, with the line dividing the States of Maryland and Virginia, to the Pennsylvania line; thence, with the line dividing the States of Pennsylvania and Virginia, to the Ohio river; thence, down said river and including the same, to the dividing line between Virginia and Kentucky, and with the said line to the beginning; including within the boundaries of the proposed new State the Counties of Logan, Wyoming, Raleigh, Fayette, Nicholas, Webster, Randolph, Tucker, Preston, Monongalia, Marion, Taylor, Barbour, Upshur, Harrison, Lewis, Braxton, Clay, Kanawha, Boone, Wayne, Cabell, Putnam, Mason, Jackson, Roane, Calhoun, Mirt, Gilmer, Ritchie, Wood, Pleasants, Tyler, Doddridge, Metzger, Marshall, Ohio, Brooke and Hancock.