

thereof shall pay annually a tax of one dollar for each and every gate by him, her or them kept on the public roads in said county.

Lists of  
gates.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the owner or owners of all such gate or gates are hereby required and directed to transmit on or before the first day of May, annually, to the clerk of the levy court of said county the number by him, her, or them respectively owned and kept on the public roads, in writing, under his, her, or their hands and seals, and such clerk shall keep a list of the same, and shall deliver a copy thereof with the amount of tax on each annexed, to the collector of the county taxes, to be by him collected as other taxes.

Forfeit for  
neglect.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons who is or are the owner or owners of such gate or gates, shall neglect or refuse to give in a statement of the number of gates by him, her, or them owned and kept on the public roads, to the clerk of the levy court aforesaid on or before the first day of May, in every year, as aforesaid, and shall continue to use or keep up such gate or gates, such person shall forfeit all the protection afforded by the provisions of this act, and shall be in the same situation respecting their gates as if this act had not passed.

Disposition  
of money.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all moneys collected by the collector of the said county under the provisions of this act, shall be paid over to and applied by the levy court of said county towards defraying the county charges.

Tenants  
authorized.  
(\*lawful)

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where tenants shall reside on lands through which public roads may pass and shall keep gates thereon, it shall and may be *law\** for such tenants to enter such gates in the manner prescribed by the fourth section of this act, and to pay the tax thereon, who shall be allowed the same by his landlord in his rent, upon producing the collector's receipt shewing that he has paid the same.

Slaves of-  
fending.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That if any slave shall cut down, destroy, injure, or wilfully leave fixed open, any gate upon the public roads, which shall have been entered in the manner prescribed by the fourth section of this act, such slave shall be punished for every such offence, on conviction before a justice of the peace by the oath of one or more witnesses, by whipping on his or her bare back, in the discretion of the said justice, not exceeding for each offence the number of ten lashes; *Provided always*, that the master or mistress of such slave, or any other person in their behalf, may redeem said slave so convicted from said punishment by the payment of the fine to the owner or owners of such gate, imposed by this act, upon free persons for like offences; *And provided also*, that no