

pense attending the arrest and prosecution of the suit, he shall retain one-fourth of the balance himself, distributing one-fourth among the parties assisting in making the arrest, and pay over the remaining one-half to the School Fund of the county, to be used in the repair of old and the erection of new public school houses. Compensation

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CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT to provide for the protection of sheep in Queen Anne's, Dorchester and Somerset Counties, and for reimbursing owners of sheep for damages sustained by them in the killing or injuring of sheep by dogs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners respectively, of Queen Anne's, Dorchester and Somerset counties shall require an accurate return to be made annually, in the months of July and August, by the constables of the several election districts in said counties of all dogs upwards of four months old owned or kept by any person within their said districts, particularly noting the number owned or kept by each person, and more effectually to secure the performance of this duty and the collection of the tax hereinafter directed to be levied; and when there are two or more constables in any of the said election districts, the said Commissioners shall divide and apportion said district among the constables of said district. Make return of all dogs annually.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said County Commissioners of the said several counties respectively, shall levy forthwith, and cause to be collected annually, by the constable or constables aforesaid the sum of one dollar for one dog, and fifty cents each for every additional dog owned or kept by each person named in said return as the owner or keeper thereof. Collect tax.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said constables in the said several election districts in the Per capita tax