

## CHAPTER 593.

AN ACT to provide for the better protection of sheep, poultry and game in the Fourth Election District of Queen Anne's County, and known as Kent Island District, and, if possible, to make provision for the reduction of the number of dogs and bitches to a minimum in said Fourth Election District of Queen Anne's County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County shall require an accurate return, to be made annually, in the months of June and July, by the two constables of the said Fourth Election District of Queen Anne's County, of all dogs and bitches upwards of four months old, owned or kept by any person within said district, particularly noting the number owned and 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; the said Fourth Election District shall be divided into two sections—Section 1 to include all that portion of Kent Island west of Coxe's creek and Chester river, and Section 2 to include all that portion of Kent Island east of Coxe's creek, including the James Carville farm; and the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County are required to designate which one of the constables shall be assigned to Section No. 1 and which one to Section No. 2 in the performance of the provisions of this Act.

Returns to be made of dogs, etc., in an election district.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County shall levy forthwith and cause to be collected annually, before the first day of July in each year, by the aforesaid constables, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for every dog, and the sum of three dollars for every bitch owned or kept by such person named in said return as owner or keeper thereof.

Dog tax.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said constables shall proceed to collect the sum so levied and apportioned among them by the said County Commissioners as soon as the levy list is placed in their hands, and shall keep accurate account, under oath, of the money arising therefrom; and the money therefrom collected by them, which shall be paid over to the County Commissioners on or before September 1 in each year, shall be entitled to receive out of the fund provided by this Act ten per centum on the amount collected by them, respectively, and ten cents for each dog returned by them in their aforesaid return to the said County Commissioners.

Proceeding to collect same.