

are hereby repealed, and Sections 324, 325, 326, 327, 328 and 329 of said Article re-enacted so as to read as follows:

324. All owners of dogs or sluts of the age of six months and upwards in Cecil County shall pay to the county an annual tax of one dollar for each and every dog or slut, and any dog or slut kept or straying about the premises of any person with his knowledge, whether such person be the owner or only the occupant of said premises, shall be deemed for the purpose of this section the property of such person, and the tax imposed by this section shall be due and payable on the first day of September in each year.

To pay an annual tax on dogs and sluts.

325. It shall be the duty of the constables of the county in their respective districts to collect and pay into the County Treasury the tax due from the owners of dogs and sluts in the county, and for such service shall receive a compensation not exceeding twenty-five per centum of the whole amount of such tax collected by them to be paid out of such tax.

Constables to collect tax.

326. If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the tax by the first day of April in each year it shall be the duty of the constable on and after that date, to kill the dog or slut upon which said tax is levied; and any person opposing or in any way hindering said constable in the performance of his duty shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than two dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and shall stand committed to the county jail until said fine is paid, and for each and every dog or slut so killed by said constable he shall be entitled to receive from the County Commissioners the sum of twenty-five cents.

Refusal to pay tax.

327. If any constable shall neglect or refuse to perform his duty as set out in the preceding section, the County Commissioners are hereby directed and commanded to remove such constables from office and nominate and appoint a successor to him who will faithfully perform the duty required.

Removal from office.

328. The constables in their respective districts, as soon as possible after the first day of September in each year, shall canvass thoroughly the districts in order to ascertain the number of dogs or sluts therein, and the owners of the same, and shall make a report of the same to the County Commissioners of Cecil County, and when any person shall pay to them the tax on any dog or slut, they shall register the full name of such person, the sex of the animal and amount of tax paid, in a book to be provided for such purpose by the County Commissioners, and shall give a receipt to each person for the amount paid.

Constables to canvass their districts.