

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1912.

CHAPTER 211.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Chapter 478 of the Acts of General Assembly of 1884, entitled "An Act to repeal section 1 of an act passed at the January Session, 1874, Chapter 337, entitled 'An Act to regulate the building of joint fences in Howard county.'"

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Chapter 478 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1884, entitled "An Act to repeal section 1 of an act passed at the January Session, 1874, Chapter 337, entitled 'An Act to regulate the building of joint fences in Howard county,' " and to re-enact the same with amendments so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That whenever joint fences may hereafter be established in said county for the mutual benefit of different owners or possessors of adjoining lands, each party shall keep in good repair his just proportion thereof in the manner following: All post and rail or plank fences shall be at least four feet and a half high; all stone fences shall be at least four feet high, and all worm or other fences shall be at least five feet high, the height in every case to be computed upon from the ground or base of any embankment upon which said fence may be placed; and there shall be between the bottom rail or plank and the ground or embankment on which said fence is placed no larger interval than five inches, and between the bottom rail or plank and the rail or plank directly above the same no larger interval than five inches. And when said fence or fences shall be constructed, in whole or in part, of wire, the wires thereof shall not be more than five inches apart to the height of twenty inches from the ground or embankment of which said fence or fences may be placed.

SEC. 3. *Be it enacted*, That if either of the parties, so making or keeping a joint fence, shall not comply with the provisions of the preceding section, and shall refuse or delay to make or repair the said fence within twenty days after notice, in writing, shall be given to him or his agent, overseer or ten-