

CHAPTER 271.

AN ACT to enable the qualified voters of Wicomico county to determine by ballot whether cattle or other stock shall run at large within the limits of said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the registered and qualified voters of Wicomico county shall determine by ballot, at the next election in said county, to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, eighteen hundred and eighty, whether or not any cattle or other stock shall be allowed to run at large within the limits of said county.

To determine
by ballot.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That at the said election, the ballots to be cast shall have written or printed on them "for the law preventing stock from running at large," or "against the law preventing stock from running at large," and the ballots so cast shall be carefully counted by the judges of said election, who shall make a written return under their hands and seals in the usual manner, of the number of ballots cast for and against the adoption of the said stock law to the clerk of the circuit court for said county, who shall cause the same to be recorded, and statements of the same certified under his hand and seal of office, to be printed and published once in each of the newspapers of said county as soon as possible; and the expense of such publication shall be levied by the county commissioners of said county, and paid by the collector of the same.

Ballots—how
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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if it shall appear by the returns aforesaid that a majority of the number of ballots taken at said election which shall have the words "for the law preventing stock from running at large," or "against the law preventing stock from running at large," shall have been cast for the said law preventing stock from running at large, then it shall not be lawful from and after the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-

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ful.