

CHAPTER 380.

AN ACT to prohibit hogs going at large on the public roads in election district number five of Talbot county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all hogs shall be and they are by this act prohibited from going at large on any public road within the limits of election district number five of Talbot county; provided, however, the provisions of this act shall not apply to the public roads of Pot-pie neck and Tilghman's island.

Prohibited.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the owner or owners of any and every hog found trespassing in violation of this act shall pay a fine of one dollar for each offence per head, to be collected as fines, penalties and forfeitures are collected under article forty, section one of the Code of Public General Laws.

Fine for violation.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That any owner or owners of any hog or hogs, taken up under this act, shall have the privilege of a fair hearing before any justice of the peace of the election district hereinbefore named.

Fair hearing.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the fines specified in section two of this act shall be paid, one-fourth to the informer, one-fourth to the constable in the case, and the remainder to the board of county school commissioners, to be by them applied to the public school fund of said county.

Fines—how disposed of.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall not apply in any case where the owner or owners of the hog or hogs found trespassing as above named shall make it appear satisfactorily to the justice of the peace hearing the case that the said owner or owners cannot justly be held responsible for the trespass, inasmuch as he, she or they, as the case may be, had employed all reasonable means to prevent it, and that said trespass had occurred through some agency

How construed