

Chapter 122.

AN ACT for the better protection of Sheep in Carroll county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Carroll county shall require an accurate return to be made, annually, by the collectors of the several districts within the county, of all dogs, upwards of two months old, owned or possessed by any person within their respective districts, particularly noting the number owned or possessed by each person and kept about the same house.

Annual returns of dogs to be made.

SEC. 2. They shall levy, and cause to be collected, the sum of one dollar for one dog and fifty cents each for every additional dog kept, owned or possessed by each person named in such return as the owner thereof.

Sum to be collected.

SEC. 3. The collectors of the several districts shall collect the sums so levied at the same time and in the same manner as county and State taxes are collected, and shall keep a separate account of the money arising therefrom, and shall be entitled to six per centum on the amount collected by them respectively, and six cents ahead for each dog returned in the aforesaid return to the County Commissioners.

How collected

SEC. 4. The money arising from the said levy shall be paid to the treasurer of the county, and shall constitute a fund for remunerating the inhabitants of the county for losses sustained by sheep destroyed or injured by dogs.

Fund created-how disposed.

SEC. 5. When any inhabitant of the county shall have any sheep destroyed or injured by dogs, he may apply to the nearest justice of the peace, who shall appoint three disinterested persons to view and ascertain the damages by him sustained, and they or any of them shall certify the same under their hands and seals to the County Commissioners, and the commissioners shall draw their warrant on the treasurer of the county for the amount so certified to be paid out of the fund arising from the tax on dogs.

Ascertain damages.

SEC. 6. If there shall not be sufficient money in the treasury belonging to the said fund, the warrant