

Property of the county. SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That all documents, books and papers belonging to the office of any collector are hereby declared to be the property of Wicomico county, and at all times shall be subject to the examination of the county commissioners.

Inconsistencies repealed. SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Effective. SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved March 27, 1884.

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#### Chapter 144.

AN ACT to regulate the Fences in St. Peter's District, in Somerset county.

Enclosures—how fenced. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all fields and other grounds kept for enclosure in St. Peter's district, in Somerset county, shall be fenced with post and rail, or plank, or with a worm fence made of good and substantial rails at least four feet high from the ground to the top of the highest rail, and the first or under rail, in post and rail, or plank, or worm fences, shall not exceed in distance five inches from the ground or embankment upon which the same may be built, and the width between the rails or planks of which the fence may be built shall be such as is usual in the construction of fences of this kind; and all brush fences made upon the surface of the ground shall be at least four feet high, and all brush fences made upon an embankment of earth thrown up upon the ground shall be at least three feet high; the embankment, nevertheless, shall be eighteen inches high; and if any live stock of any kind or description whatever shall break into any person's enclosure, the enclosure of which shall be fences of the above description and proportions, then the owner or owners of such live stock shall be liable to make good all such damages to the owner of such enclosures as shall be found and awarded by two or

Height of fences.

Owner liable for damages.