

CHAP. 492.

Now sections  
added.Encourage  
sheep raising  
and provid-  
ing protec-  
tion for loss  
of sheep.

Proviso.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That five new sections be added to Article 1 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Allegany County," sub-title "Dogs and Sheep," to be known as Sections 100 A, 100 B, 100 C, 100 D and 100 E.

100 A. That whenever any person shall sustain any loss or damage to sheep by a dog, bitch or spayed bitch, in any election district in said county, such person, his or her agent or attorney may complain to any justice of the peace in said district and if there be no justice of the peace in said district then to a justice of the peace in one of the adjoining districts, in writing, to be signed by the person making such "complaint," stating therein when, where and how such damage was done, and by whose dog or dogs, if known; whereupon the said justice of the peace so called upon shall notify the treasurer of said county of said claims, and shall at once summons two disinterested persons to at once examine into the alleged loss or damage alleged to have been sustained, and to look at the sheep killed or injured if possible; and they shall examine under oath administered in due form by said justice of the peace any witness called before them; and after making diligent inquiry in relation to such claim, they shall report the same in writing to said justice, and said justice shall report in writing to the treasurer of said county whether any such damage has been sustained, and the amount thereof, and the name of the owner or keeper of such dog or dogs, if known, by which such damage was done, and such report so made by said justice shall be filed with the County Commissioners, together with the affidavits and names of all parties who were called as witnesses to the killing of said sheep and the damages resulting therefrom, and the report of the said two disinterested viewers, all of which said papers shall be kept on files properly indexed in the commissioners' office of the County Commissioners of said Allegany county for inspection at any time; provided, however, that any owner of any dog or dogs who shall refuse to kill the same after having been notified by the justice of the peace before whom such claim has been made of such damage done by his or her dog or dogs shall be liable for all damages and costs of the same in suit to be instituted by the claimant before any justice of the peace in said county.