

Act to regulate the building of joint fences in Howard County."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Chapter 211 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, of 1912, entitled "An Act to regulate the building of joint fences in Howard County," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

SEC. 2. When the lands of any two persons adjoin, each of them shall make and maintain one-half of the whole length of the line of fence between them, and if either of said persons shall fail or neglect to make his proportion of said fence, or to keep or put the same in good repair within sixty days after he shall have been notified and requested to do so in writing, then the party making said request may make or repair said fence at the expense of the party so neglecting or refusing, to be recovered from him in an action of debt, with costs of suit.

SEC. 3. Should any person wish to fence in any land which has hitherto been unenclosed, after having built his proportion of said fence, he shall give to the party whose land adjoins his notice in writing that he must erect his proportion of said fence within sixty days; and if the party so notified shall fail to erect his proportion of said fence, the same remedy as given in the preceding section shall apply.

SEC. 4. Before proceeding, however, to make or repair the fences mentioned in the two preceding sections, the person who has given the notification in writing shall apply to a justice of the peace of the county, who, upon affidavit of the party that he has given such notice, and that said fence has not been erected or repaired within the time specified, shall summon three disinterested landholders, who shall view the said fence and shall determine the proper amount of money to be expended in erecting or repairing the same in a good and substantial manner, and said inquisition shall be put in writing, and the party erecting or repairing such fence shall not expend more than said sum.

SEC. 5. The fences to be made or kept in repair shall be at least four feet high, and shall be sufficiently close to prevent hogs from pressing through same; provided, said fence be not within five miles from the City of Baltimore.