

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all owners of dogs and sluts of the age of four (4) months and upward in Talbot County shall pay to the county an annual tax of one dollar for each dog or spayed slut and two dollars for each slut, and any dog or slut kept straying about the premises of any person with his knowledge, whether such person be the owner or only the occupant of said premises, shall be deemed for the purpose of this section the property of said person, and the tax imposed by this section shall be due and payable on the first day of July of each year. And no slut shall be taken under this section as a spayed slut, unless the person paying the tax therefor shall produce satisfactory proof to the County Commissioners that said slut has been spayed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of said Talbot County shall and they are hereby directed to divide their county into constabulary districts in proportion to the number of constables in said county, and shall make it the duty of said constables in each of said districts to enumerate annually the number of dogs and sluts in said districts, together with the name or names of the person owning or keeping same, and to return a full and complete account or statement of said enumeration to the County Commissioners of said county as soon as the same may be completed by said constables, and the said County Commissioners shall direct the County Treasurer of Talbot County to pay annually to each constable who shall faithfully make and return said account or statement to them as aforesaid ten per centum of the whole tax collected on dogs and sluts in the constabulary district assigned to him and in which he has made such enumeration and return, to be paid out of the taxes collected under this Act, and all constables failing to render an account or statement as herein provided shall be held liable for such default.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer to collect and pay into the county treasury the tax due from owners of dogs and sluts in said county, and for such additional service he shall receive ten per centum of the whole amount of such tax collected by him, to be paid out of such tax; and for the faithful performance of such additional service his official bond shall be liable; and for the collection of the annual tax from owners of dogs and sluts he is invested with all the authority conferred upon him as collector of State and county taxes.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the real estate and personal property of owners of dogs and sluts in said Talbot County shall be liable for the said tax, and may be sold by the Treas-