

quired above to be given in the receipt from the constables to the owner upon the payment of the annual tax aforesaid; the treasurer shall keep safely the reports from the constables and enter the facts required above regularly in a book to be kept for that purpose in the office and under the supervision of the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, and the said County Treasurer shall receive and keep an accurate account of all the tax funds paid to him by the constables as required by this Act.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to designate a constable in each election district of Montgomery County whose duty it shall be in the district to which he is assigned by the County Commissioners as soon as possible after the first day of January in each year, to canvass thoroughly the district in order to ascertain the number of dogs, the owners of same and also the other facts required of the constable in the reports referred to in the preceding section to the County Commissioners, upon the payment of the tax by the owner of a dog the constable shall give him a receipt in the form in this Act prescribed, and also a tag to be worn by the dog and the constable shall report to the County Commissioners on or before the first day of every month in the same manner and form aforesaid, and shall at the same time pay to the County Treasurer all the tax funds they have collected, less twenty-five per centum of said amount for their services; they shall also state in their monthly reports those who have failed to pay the tax on their dogs as required by this Act. A constable so appointed may be assigned to canvass dogs and collect said taxes in the District in which he resides or may be assigned to canvass dogs and collect the taxes on dogs in any other district of said County in the discretion of the County Commissioners.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if any constable shall neglect or refuse to perform his duty as set forth in this Act, he shall be subject to prosecution for malfeasance in office and to removal from office.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the County Treasurer shall place the tax so collected to the credit of a fund to be called "the dog fund" of Montgomery County; but if there remains in the county treasury to the credit of the "dog fund" on the first day of January of each year a sum more than sufficient to pay the award for damages for domestic fowls and ani-