

amount of damages stated is unfair they shall award such amounts as they may deem fair; provided, that before the Commissioners shall make any award of damages for the killing of said fowls or animals the person claiming damages shall be required to prove to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners that he does not know and is unable with reasonable diligence, to ascertain the owner of the dogs which did such damage, or if the said owner is known, to prove to the satisfaction of said Commissioners that it is impracticable to collect the amount of damages sustained by suit against the owner of said dogs; and provided further that before any award of damages shall be paid under this section, the owner of the fowls or animals destroyed or injured, shall within twenty-four hours after such destruction or injury, notify the Chief of Police of Montgomery County and acquaint him with the damage done and the location of the remains or carcasses of the fowls or animals so destroyed or injured. Within twenty-four hours after receiving such notice, the Chief of Police shall cause an inspection to be made by a member of the Montgomery County Police Force, who shall report his findings in writing to the Board of County Commissioners within forty-eight hours thereafter.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That two new sections be added to said Article to follow immediately after Section 197 thereof, and be designated as Sections 197-A and 197-B. So that said Sections 197-A and 197-B shall read as follows:

Section 197-A. In case any dog shall be known to bite any person, not a trespasser, or kill any domestic fowls or animals, not trespassers, it shall be lawful for any person to kill such dog if it be not immediately impounded by its owner but in case such dog is immediately impounded by its owner it shall be the duty of the owner to notify the Montgomery County Police force who are directed to investigate the condition of the dog so impounded and if the dog gives sufficient evidence of being afflicted with the disease known as rabies, the Montgomery County Police force is directed to destroy it. And in case damage to any person by reason of loss or injury to his domestic fowls or animals shall be from dogs either his own or kept upon his premises, he shall be entitled to no compensation under this Act; and provided, further, that said County Commissioners may allow the costs of appraisement or such proportion thereof as in their discretion may seem rea-