

giving notice of the time and place of said meeting in one of the newspapers in the town of Cumberland.

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SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That this act of incorporation shall enure for thirty years from the date of its passage; and that the legislature reserves to itself the right to alter or annul this act of incorporation at pleasure.

Enure for 30 years.

Right reserved.

CHAPTER 138.

*An act to regulate the Height of Fences in Petersville Election District of Frederick County.*

Passed Feb. 21, 1846.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons within the limits of the Petersville election district of Frederick county, to impound any horned or black cattle, sheep, hogs or horses, unless the same shall be found trespassing within any field or yard or garden, which shall be enclosed with a good post and railing fence, four and half feet high, or a good and substantial worm fence, staked and ridged, to be five and half feet high, or some other fence to be at least five and half feet in height.

Unlawful to impound cattle, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons within the limits of said Petersville election district, shall dog, beat, bruise, or in any manner injure any horned or black cattle, sheep, hogs or horses, the owner or tenant of the property on which said horned or black cattle, sheep, hogs or horses shall be so injured, shall be liable in action of damage for the injury so inflicted, the same to be appraised by two disinterested persons, one of whom shall be chosen by each party, the said damages to be recovered before any justice of the peace, or before the district court of said district in the same manner as small debts out of the county court are now collected.

Injure cattle, &c. liable to an action for damages.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if either party shall neglect or refuse during the space of five days after notice of such injury to, or impounding of such horned or black cattle, sheep, hogs or horses, then the justice of the peace, or the justices of the district court, to whom complaint shall be made by the party aggrieved, shall have authority to appoint an appraiser for and on behalf of the party so neglecting or refusing.

Neglect or refuse.