filed, the county shall review the report, and if in its judgment the amount of damages stated is unfair, it shall award such amount as it may deem fair, which award shall be paid out of the general fund; provided, however, that the swcrn report of the appraisers shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the fairness of the award of damages in each instance; provided further, that the county shall not change such an award unless it shall receive competent testimony to the effect that the award is in excess of a fair commercial valuation of the sheep, poultry or livestock injured or destroyed by dogs.

## SECTION 3. Severability.

The provisions of this Act are severable and if any provision, sentence, clause, section or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of the Act or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Act would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, sentence, clause, section or part had not been included therein, and if the person or circumstances to which the Act or any part thereof is inapplicable had been specifically exempted therefrom.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

This Act shall take effect on the 76th day following the date on which it becomes law.

Approved: November 17, 1971