

194.

(P) (1) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION ONLY APPLY TO CALVERT COUNTY.

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPOINT A DOG WARDEN AND MAY APPOINT DEPUTY WARDENS. THE DOG WARDEN AND ANY DEPUTIES APPOINTED SHALL SERVE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SHALL BE PAID WHATEVER SALARY AND ALLOWANCES FOR TRAVEL THE COMMISSIONERS PRESCRIBE. BEFORE ENTERING UPON THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, THE DOG WARDEN AND ANY DEPUTY DOG WARDENS APPOINTED SHALL GIVE BOND TO THE STATE WITH GOOD AND SUFFICIENT SURETY, TO BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS, IN WHATEVER PENALTY THE COMMISSIONERS DETERMINE AND CONDITIONED ON THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AND PROPER ACCOUNTING FOR ALL MONEYS AND PROPERTY RECEIVED BY VIRTUE OF THE POSITION. THE BOND SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF A "PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE BLANKET BOND" FOR THE DOG WARDEN AND ALL DEPUTIES, IF POSSIBLE. THE PREMIUMS SHALL BE BORNE BY CALVERT COUNTY, AND THE BONDS SHALL BE FILED AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY.

(3) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY CONSTRUCT OR LEASE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DOG POUND FOR AND IN CALVERT COUNTY. THE COST OF THE POUND AND OF ITS OPERATION SHALL BE BORNE BY THE COUNTY. IN THEIR DISCRETION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ADJACENT COUNTIES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOG POUND TO SERVE ALL OF THOSE COUNTIES.

197.

(A) All moneys arising from the dog licenses or taxes shall be kept in a separate fund by the treasurer of the respective counties, or tax collecting office thereof, and shall be used for the payment of damages for the injury and killing of sheep, poultry or other livestock in the respective counties, according to the procedures set out in § 198 of this article. In the event [the same] THERE are [not sufficient] INSUFFICIENT FUNDS for the payment of all damages the damages shall be paid in the order the claims are presented, and any person or persons whose claims are not paid in any one year by reason of the lack of money to the credit of the fund, which is to be designated "the dog license fund," shall be paid out of the first money coming into the fund after his claim is reached, and shall be paid in the order in which the claims are proved and filed; and any claims now filed and passed upon, but remaining unpaid, shall have preference over any new claims in the order of payment. The county commissioners of the several counties [are hereby authorized to] MAY expend any funds in excess of [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] \$1,000 remaining in the hands of the treasurer or the tax collecting officer after the payment of the claims [as aforesaid,] for any public purpose which, in their judgment[.] may seem right and