

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of Supervisors of Elections is hereby authorized and directed to make and conduct a new general registration of the voters of Worcester County. The days for the new general registration of voters shall be Monday and Tuesday, September 19 and 20, in the year 1955, and Monday and Tuesday, April 16 and 17, in the year 1956. Registration places shall be open on those days at such locations and during such uniform hours as the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall provide. The Board shall give public notice at least two weeks in advance of each of such days of the places set apart for registration and the hours during which voters may be registered. The registration of voters shall be conducted generally according to the procedures provided in Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. No person who has not registered as a voter in Worcester County under the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to vote at any primary, general or special election held after May 1, 1956. The Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County is hereby authorized and directed to pay all reasonable costs and expenses of the said new registration of voters upon receiving from the Board of Supervisors of Elections a certified notification thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved February 22, 1955.

CHAPTER 19

(Senate Bill 76)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 76 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Cruelty to Animals", providing a penalty of a fine not exceeding \$100.00 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both for the misdemeanor of cruelty to animals.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 76 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Cruelty to Animals", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

76. Any person who wilfully sets on foot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty, or by any act, conduct, neglect or omission wilfully causes, permits or suffers any animal to undergo any species of torture or cruelty, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor **[.]** *and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100.00, or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.