

(6) *The salaries of the State's Attorney, the deputy State's Attorney, the assistant State's Attorneys, the clerks and the special investigator within the limits herein prescribed shall be included by the State's Attorney in his annual budget submission to the County Council and shall be paid by the County.* In addition to the compensation provided for in this section, the State's Attorney, for the operation of his office and the performance of his duties shall be entitled to a reasonable expense allowance which shall be subject to the approval of the County Council.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1967.

Approved March 24, 1967.

CHAPTER 99

(House Bill 288)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 198 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Dog Licenses in the Counties," to authorize the county manager to approve sheep, poultry or livestock damage claims in Montgomery County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 198 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Licenses," subtitle "Dog Licenses in the Counties," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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When any inhabitant of any county shall have any sheep, poultry or livestock destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs, he may apply to any trial magistrate of said county, who shall appoint three disinterested persons as appraisers to view and appraise the damages by him sustained, at least one of said appraisers shall be a deputy sheriff of said county and they, under oath, shall state in writing to the county commissioners of said county, the number of sheep, poultry, or livestock killed, the character and extent of the injury, if any done, and the amount of the damages, upon which they shall all agree, sustained by the owner; and both the appraisers and the owner of the sheep, poultry or livestock shall make oath that they believe the same to have been destroyed or injured by a dog or dogs; and when the report of such proceedings has been filed, the county commissioners of said county shall review said report, and if in their judgment the amount of damages stated is unfair, they shall award such amount as they may deem fair; which award shall be paid out of the fund hereby created; provided, however, that the said sworn report of the appraisers shall be deemed prima facie evidence of the fairness of the award of damages in each instance; and provided, further, that the county commissioners shall not change such an award unless they shall have personal knowledge of its unfairness, or