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Agricultural District

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SECTION 1. That the public policy and the public welfare, health and morals of the people requires that in counties of this State having a population of not less than Twenty-six Thousand Eight Hundred (26,800) nor more than Twenty-six Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty (26,850), according to the Federal Census of 1930 or any subsequent Federal Census, Agricultural Districts be created and that the running at large of livestock in such Agricultural Districts be regulated.

SEC. 2. That in the county, or counties, of this State, within the population limits as prescribed in Section 1 of this Act, there shall be and a line is hereby fixed running parallel with the north side of Powell's Valley along the top of Walden's Ridge (or Little Cumberland Mountain) from the Claiborne County line to Red Ash, then running with the west side of Powell's Valley along the eastern base of Big Cumberland Mountain from Red Ash to the Anderson county line, and so as to exclude the town of Caryville and Red Ash from the effect of this Act, and that all the territory between said fixed line and the southern boundary of the county, or counties, affected by this Act shall be an Agricultural District and in said Agricultural District it shall hereafter be unlawful for any owner, or any person having control of live stock, including horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine, and goats to permit the same to run at large.

That Chapter 284 of the Private Acts of 1937, the caption of which is quoted in the caption of this Act, be and the same is hereby amended so as to more clearly define the boundary line of said agricultural district at or near Caryville, so as to include the Caryville Park, which is being constructed by the Government, in said agricultural district.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1937 (3rd Ex. Sess.), Chapter 25

SEC. 3. That any person violating Section 2 of this Act in allowing such live stock to run at large in said Agricultural District, or Agricultural Districts, shall be liable for all damage done by such live stock; that a lien be created against such live stock for such damage, which damage shall be recovered and/or said lien enforced by attachment or by judgment and execution before any Justice of the Peace or other Court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. That the owner of any property, either in fee or as tenant, so damaged by any such trespassing live stock mentioned in Section 2 of this Act shall have the right to take up and confine the live stock doing such damage, give such live stock reasonably good feed, water, and attention, and such person so taking up and confining such live stock shall have a charge for the reasonable expense of such feed, water, and attention, which charge may be collected in the same manner as prescribed by Section 3 of this Act, there being also created here a lien against such live stock for such charge.

SEC. 5. That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: February 25, 1937.

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