

An act in relation to stock pastures

Sec 1 Be it enacted by the General Council  
of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that  
from and after the passage of this  
act, it shall not be lawful for any  
person to enclose a wire-fence pas-  
ture in the Choctaw Nation; nor shall  
a pasture with a rail fence be  
enclosed which shall contain more than  
one mile square, and no person shall  
have more <sup>than</sup> one such rail-fence pas-  
ture in any one county, and all  
persons violating this section shall be  
fined by the Circuit Court having juris-  
diction for each offence in any sum  
not less than fifteen hundred ~~and~~ dollars  
and not more than Twenty Thousand

Dollars, and one-half of all  
fines imposed under this section shall  
go to the Nation for national purposes  
and the other half to the county for  
county purposes.

Sec 2 The owners of wire-fence pastures  
shall be liable for all damages done to  
stock by reason of their running against  
the wires, and cutting, tearing or other-  
wise injuring themselves; said damages  
to be assessed by the Circuit Court

having jurisdiction in any sum not more than Fifty Dollars to the head having due regard to the amount of damage actually sustained

Sec 3

All persons already having wire-fence pastures shall put up a good and convenient gate on every side of the pasture or every string of the fence to each half-mile of the same for the convenience of persons who may desire to pass in and through; and for failure of persons owning wire-fence pastures to comply with this section of this act the Circuit Courts shall impose a fine of Five Dollars for each gate not so put in: said fine to be renewed each year of such failure

Sec 4

For the protection of owners of all pastures any one leaving a gate open letting out stock of the owners without their permission or doing other damage to their pastures or stock shall be liable for damages to the owners in any just sum to be determined by the Circuit Courts and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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Chairman Cheifs  
message —

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