

clared public highways, any wear, rack, basket, fishing dam, pound, or fix or fasten any net or nets, or brush across the said river or rivers, or across any slopes on dams, thereby obstructing the navigation or preventing the fish from going up, every such person so offending being legally convicted thereof, before any justice of the peace of said county, (who is hereby authorized to hear and determine the same) shall forfeit and pay any sum not less than four, nor more than twenty dollars for every such offence, one moiety thereof to the informer, and the other moiety thereof to be paid to the supervisors of the river in which the offence shall have been committed, to be applied as aforesaid.

SECT. VII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That at any time after the said dams shall be altered as aforesaid, and made agreeably to the true intent and meaning of this act, it shall and may be lawful for every such owner of a dam, if he or they find it necessary, to make a sluice in the slope or opening of his dam; *Provided,* That no owner or occupier of such dam or dams, shall keep the sluice shut during the months of February, March, April, and May, in any year, under the penalty of two dollars for every day or night the sluice shall remain shut in the months aforesaid, which said fine shall be recovered before any justice of the peace within said county, one moiety thereof to be paid to the informer, and the other moiety to the supervisors as aforesaid, to be applied as aforesaid.

Sluices may be made in dams, provided they are kept open at certain times under a penalty.

SECT. VIII. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person or persons, shall draw or cast any seine or net, or brush net, or shall be aiding and assisting therein, within the described parts of said rivers, from and after the first day of June, to the first day of February in every year, every such person so offending, being legally convicted thereof before any justice of the peace in manner aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay a fine of six dollars for every such offence, one moiety thereof to the informer, and the other moiety to the supervisors as aforesaid, to be applied as aforesaid.

Penalty for fishing at certain seasons.

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CHAPTER MMCCII.

An ACT erecting two election districts in the county of Mercer, and for other purposes.

SECT. I. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the passing of this act, the township of Salem, in the county of Mercer, be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate election district, to be called the seventh district, and the electors thereof, shall hold their general elections, at John Williamson's mill, in said township.

The seventh election district of Mercer county.

SECT. II. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That so much of the county of Mercer, lying west of the donation

The eighth district.

1801. land, to the state line, be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate election district, and the electors thereof, shall hold their general elections, at the dwelling house now occupied by Benjamin Bently in said district, and to be called the eighth district.

Transfer of
place of elec-
tion from
Elliot's to
Stokely's:

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That those citizens of Mercer county, who have heretofore held their elections at the house of John Elliot, and which may not be included in the district in which the citizens are authorized to hold their elections at the house now occupied by Benjamin Bently, shall be, and hereby are annexed to the district which held their elections, at the house now occupied by Benjamin Stokeley: and that the inhabitants of Beaver county, who have heretofore held their elections at the house of John Elliot, shall hereafter be annexed to the district which holds their elections at the town of Beaver.

and Beaver
town.

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