

**47-232. Certification to court where controversy between adverse claimants; affidavits; testimony; order determining ownership and disposition of sale proceeds.** In the event that there are more than one claimant to any stray, and if a contest or controversy ensues as a result of adverse claimants, the sheriff shall certify the matter to the district court of the county in which the stray is taken up, and said court shall docket said matter in a proper docket supplied by the county. The claimants shall have ten (10) days following the date of the docketing of said matter to file affidavits in support of their several claims. The said court shall also have the right and authority to hear oral testimony at any reasonable time on notice to the claimants to determine the ownership of such stray. After any such hearing the said court shall enter a finding and order determining the ownership of said stray and directing the distribution of the proceeds from the sale of such stray animal.

**History:** L. 1945, ch. 226, § 4; L. 1970, ch. 205, § 4; L. 1976, ch. 145, § 201; Jan. 10, 1977.