

gable waters shall be strictly construed so as not to permit the residents of either county to take or catch oysters beyond the middle of the dividing channel; provided, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of Queen Anne's and Kent Counties from using the waters of Chester river in common, or the citizen of Dorchester and Wicomico Counties from using the waters of Nanticoke river in common, or the citizens of Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties from using the waters of the Wye river and the mouth thereof in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Talbot Counties from using the waters of the Choptank river in common; provided, however, that the County Commissioners shall be authorized to give special permission to any woman who has no visible means of support to take and catch oysters without license, and provided also that boys under fifteen years of age shall not be required to license.

Shall not prevent citizens of specified counties from using the waters of certain rivers.

2. Each and every license issued in conformity to the provisions of Section one of this Article shall state the name, color, age and residence of the person to whom the license is to be granted; the number thereof and the county in which the same is to be used, and every applicant for such license shall pay to the Clerk of the Circuit Court when such license may be granted, and before the issuing and delivery of the same, three and one-half dollars, except boys under fifteen years of age; the clerk to receive twenty-five cents for each and every such license, as a fee for issuing the same, including administering the oath when required. Two-thirds of the amount received for such licenses shall be paid by the clerk to the School Commissioners for the use of the public schools in the respective counties where such licenses are issued, and of this amount the portion received from white tongers to go to the white schools, and the portion received from colored tongers to go to the colored schools, and the remaining one-third to be paid over by the clerk to the Comptroller of the State Treasury to be credited to the oyster fund.

License fee. and disposition of same.

3. Every applicant for license as aforesaid shall be required to make oath or affirmation before the clerk authorized to issue the same, or some justice of the peace, on whose certificate of the taking of such oath or affirmation the clerk shall issue said license; that the facts set forth therein are strictly true; that he has been a bona fide resident of the county for twelve months next preceding his application for said license; that he desires and intends to use said license in the county in which he resides or the waters used in common, as pro-

Applicants for license shall make oath.