

Commissioners of State Oyster Police Force.

otherwise, at the discretion of the Commissioners hereinafter named, said vessel and tenders not to exceed in cost this appropriation, and to arm and equip the same for the service hereinafter specified, to be styled the State Oyster Police Force, and the Governor, Treasurer, Comptroller, Superintendent of Labor and Agriculture, and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals shall constitute a Board to be styled the Commissioners of the State Oyster Police Force, and they are directed to purchase, arm and equip said steam vessel and tenders, and the Treasurer of the State, upon the requisition of said Commissioners, and the warrant of the Comptroller is hereby directed to pay the sum or sums necessary, not exceeding this and any other appropriation hereinafter mentioned for the purposes herein specified.

Board appoint its officer.

Sec. 40. *And be it enacted*, That the Board of Commissioners of the State Oyster Police Force, shall have power to appoint a suitable person to command said force, whose term of office shall be for two years unless sooner removed for incompetency or neglect of duty, and if said officer shall fail to discharge his duty; by reason of collusion with those interested in evading the law, he shall upon presentment, indictment and conviction, in a Court of law, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined, or imprisonment or both at the discretion of the Court.

Cruising.

Sec. 41. *And be it enacted*, That the commanding officer of said force be and he is hereby required to keep his vessel constantly cruising, when circumstances will permit, wherever opposition to the oyster law has arisen, or is likely to arise, within the boundaries of the State, and that every locality where a violation of the law exists, or is likely to arise, shall be visited as often as the duties of the force and the condition of the vessels will permit, and that a monthly report shall be made to the Commissioners of all official action taken under the law, and a strict and careful journal kept of all duties performed, and the circumstances connected therewith. The salary of the chief officer shall be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, which shall be paid to him monthly by the Treasurer upon the warrant of the Comptroller, and he shall have power to appoint