

not more than may be absolutely needed for the performance of the work of the board, at graded salaries, to be paid by the commissioners, not to exceed one thousand dollars a year for any such assistants, as it may deem necessary to aid it in the proper performance of its duties, as prescribed in this sub-title. The said commissioners shall employ a competent surveyor, who shall also be a hydrographic engineer, upon a salary to be named by said commissioners, not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars a year. If the commissioners deem it expedient to employ a hydrographic engineer who is also a biologist, capable of investigating oyster propagation, an engineer of such qualification may, in their discretion, be employed. The sum of five hundred dollars per annum shall be appropriated, to be expended under the direction of said engineer, if he be a biologist, who shall, in that event, establish one or more stations for said investigation of oyster propagation. All salaries, outlays and disbursements authorized by this sub-title shall be paid out of the general treasury of the State of Maryland upon requisitions made by the board of shell fish commissioners, endorsed by the comptroller of the State, but the same shall be repaid out of the first revenues arising from the leasing of land for oyster culture contemplated by this sub-title. The commissioners composing said board shall, immediately after their appointment, file in the office of the clerk of the court of appeals separate bonds, with a surety or shreties to be approved by the state treasurer, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties imposed by this sub-title. The said commissioners shall take and subscribe before the governor of the State an official oath prescribed by the constitution. The said commissioners shall have an office in the city of Annapolis.

1906, ch. 711, sec. 85. 1910, ch. 401, sec. 85 (p. 214).

87. The commissioners shall keep at its* office in the city of Baltimore, books of record, in which shall be recorded all leases, assignments and other conveyances of land to be used for the planting or cultivation of oysters in accordance with this sub-title. A set of clear and simple forms for all subsequent conveyances of any kind shall be prepared by the board, with the advice of the attorney-general, and no title shall be vested in any lessee or transferee of any interest or estate acquired under this sub-title until the conveyance or conveyances evidencing such leases or transfers shall have been recorded in the office of the board of shell fish commissioners.

1906, ch. 711, sec. 86. 1910, ch. 401, sec. 86 (p. 215).

88. The board of shell fish commissioners shall, as soon as practicable after April 2, 1906, cause to be made a true and accurate survey of the natural oyster beds, bars and rocks of this State. said survey to be made with reference to fixed and permanent objects on the shore, giving courses and distances, to be fully described and set out in a written report of said survey, as hereinafter required. A true and accurate delineation of the same shall be made on copies of pub-

*Evidently a typographical error in the act.