

remain unpaid for more than sixty days after the same becomes due, such lease or leases may at the option of said Board be declared void, and in that event the land shall revert to the State and may be leased again in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title. The said Board may, at the request of any lessee, if it shall appear equitable so to do, upon cause shown in writing, cancel his lease as to the whole or a part of the lands leased. The Board of Shell Fish Commissioners is hereby directed to submit a plan to the next Session of the General Assembly of Maryland providing for the assessment of rentals for leased bottoms in accordance with the value of these bottoms for the cultivation of oysters.

1906, ch. 711, sec. 100. 1912, ch. 539, sec. 100.

**102.** For a period of thirty days after the said survey shall have been completed, or after any area shall have been opened to leasing under the preceding sections, citizens of Maryland residing in any part of the State, who, at the time of the completion of said survey, or at the respective times of the opening for oyster culture of the several areas, as the case may be, may be owners of land having a water front upon any part of the said areas so opened to oyster culture, shall have the exclusive right to rent any land opened to oyster culture under the provisions of this sub-title, adjacent to their lands. And for an additional period of thirty days after the expiration of the said period of thirty days, all boatmen, residents of this State, who shall be engaged in the business of dredging, scraping or tonging for oysters at the time of the completion of the said survey, or at the respective times of the opening for oyster culture of the several areas, or if said survey shall be completed, or the said areas shall be opened to oyster culture during the closed season for dredging, scraping or tonging, as the case may be, then the person so engaged at the end of the last dredging, scraping or tonging season shall have the like exclusive right in the order of their respective applications, as the same may be received and opened by the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners to rent any adjacent lands; provided, that in no event any such landowner, boatman or any other person be permitted to rent or acquire more than thirty acres, one hundred acres, or five hundred acres, as the case may be, dependent upon the situation of the land which is leased or acquired; and provided, further, that no such riparian landowner, as is mentioned in this section, shall be entitled to rent the amount of thirty acres, one hundred acres, or five hundred acres, as the case may be, unless the water front of the land so owned by him, if fronting on water within the territorial limits of a county, be at least two hundred yards, or if fronting on waters in any other place, be at least seven hundred yards. The owners of land having a less water front than is mentioned above shall be entitled to rent a proportionately less amount of land, dependent upon the length of the front upon water within county limits or elsewhere.