

command, together with the crew, and to seize the said boat or vessel, together with all her equipments, and bring the same before a judge or a justice of the peace for Somerset county, to be dealt with according to the provisions of this act; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit vessels from seeking harbor in any of the waters of the State.

1894, ch. 592, sec. 4.

277. On information under oath of any violations of the provisions of this act, to any justice of the peace for Somerset county, the said justice shall forthwith issue his warrant to the sheriff or any constable of said county, requiring the officer to whom the said writ shall be directed to summons a posse comitatus, if necessary, and proceed at once to arrest the party or parties alleged to have been engaged in violating any of the provisions of this act, and forthwith bring him or them before any justice of the peace for Somerset county, who shall require full and sufficient bond for their appearance before the Circuit Court; but if the accused shall not claim a jury trial, it shall be the duty of the justice to immediately give the case a hearing, and upon conviction of the accused, impose the punishment and fines prescribed in section 275 of this article.

1894, ch. 592, sec. 5.

278. It shall be the duty of the sheriff, constables and officers of the State Fishery Force to arrest any person or persons found dredging or charged under oath, as provided in section 277, of violating this act, or any of the provisions of this act, and bring said person or persons before a justice of the peace in said county, to be dealt with as herein provided.

1894, ch. 592, sec. 7.

279. This act shall not go into effect and be operative until the fifteenth day of March in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and not then unless it shall have received the assent of and be approved by a majority of the legal and duly qualified votes of Somerset county, which shall be ascertained at the election to be held in Somerset county on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, for the selection of a representative for the first congressional district of Maryland, to the United States House of Representatives; and in order to ascertain the sense of such voters as to whether this act shall go into effect and be operative or not, the sheriff of Somerset county shall, at least two weeks before said election, give notice by advertisement in all the newspapers then printed and published in Somerset county, of the passage of this act and its provisions for submitting its adoption or not to the approval of the majority of the legal qualified voters of said county who may cast their ballots at said election; and said sheriff is also hereby authorized and directed to have printed and distributed at the several polling places in the several election districts of Somerset county, such number of ballots, with the words printed on them, "For the act prohibiting the catching of oysters with scoop, scrape, dredge or any similar