

instrument in Tangier sound, in Somerset county, passed at the January session of the General Assembly of Maryland, eighteen hundred and ninety-four," and such number of ballots with the words, "Against the act prohibiting the catching of oysters with scoop, scrape, dredge or any similar instrument in Tangier sound, in Somerset county, passed at the January session of the General Assembly of Maryland, eighteen hundred and ninety-four," as may be necessary for all the voters of Somerset county; and at the said election, the judges of election shall furnish and have at the several polling places ballot boxes in which only ballots cast under the provisions of this act shall be deposited, and after closing the polls on said day of election, the said ballots shall be counted and returned to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset county, as in other elections under the laws of this State; and it shall be the duty of said sheriff and the County Commissioners to make all necessary provisions for the carrying out of the requirements of this act, so that said election shall be fairly held; and if it shall be found by the said Clerk of the Circuit Court, to whom such returns shall be made, that a majority of the votes cast at said election are for the adoption of said act, the said clerk shall, within ten days thereafter, make proclamation of the result, and publish the same in all the newspapers then published in Somerset county, giving notice of the adoption of the law, and warning all persons interested therein that its provisions will be enforced by the officers of county and State; and the County Commissioners of Somerset county are hereby authorized and required to provide for the payment of the expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, regarding its submission to the vote of the people as aforesaid; which act shall go into effect and become law, from after said fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and not otherwise.\*

1890, ch. 353, sec. 1.

**280.** It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to employ any boat or vessel in catching or taking oysters with scoop or scrape, drag or dredge, or any similar instrument in the waters of Tangier sound, in Somerset county, above or eastward of a straight line drawn from the dwelling-house of Thomas Tigner, near Hayne's point, to Clay island light-house; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the catching of crabs.

1890, ch. 353, sec. 2. 1896, ch. 476.

**281.** Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this act shall be fined in a sum not less than one hundred nor more than two hundred dollars for each and every offense, and shall stand committed to the county jail until such fine and costs and charges shall be fully paid and satisfied, and every and any canoe, boat or vessel captured and convicted of violating, or have been used in the violation of this act, shall be condemned by the justice of the peace having jurisdiction, and shall

\*Sec. 6, ch. 592, 1894, repealed all laws inconsistent therewith. This Act was approved by the voters.