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An. Code, 1924, sec. 1. 1912, sec. 1. 1904, sec. 1. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 1. 1900, ch. 380. 1910, ch. 413, sec. 1 (p. 205). 1920, ch. 680. 1927, ch. 463, sec. 1. 1933, ch. 515.

1. Any resident of this State between the ages of fourteen and sixty-five desiring to catch oysters with rakes or tongs for sale in any of the waters of this State shall first obtain by application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county wherein he may reside or the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City, a separate license for every person to be employed on such boat, and such license shall have effect from the first day of September, in the year which it may have been obtained, to the fifteenth day of April, inclusive, next succeeding; provided that any laws either local or public, now in effect or which may become in effect curtailing the open season provided above, such local or public general laws shall prevail, except in Talbot County and in the waters of the Choptank River used in common by the residents of Talbot and Dorchester Counties. Such license shall not authorize the taking or catching of oysters in any creek, cove, river, inlet, bay or sound within the limits of any county other than that wherein the license shall have been granted, except that the residents of Baltimore City and other residents of the State duly licensed shall be permitted to tong for oysters in the waters of Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River on such bars which are not specifically reserved in this Article for the exclusive use of any county; and that the boundaries of the counties on navigable waters shall be strictly construed so as not to permit the residents of either county to take or catch oysters beyond the middle of the dividing channel; provided, that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of Queen Anne's and Kent Counties from using the waters of Chester River in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Wicimico Counties from using the waters of Nanticoke River in common, or the citizens of Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties from using the waters of the Wye River and the mouth thereof in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Talbot Counties and bona fide residents of the Fourth Election District of Caroline County who shall have resided in said district not less than one year next preceding from using the waters