

of the Commissioners shall be binding. One of said Commissioners shall be designated by the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland as President, and his salary shall be two thousand dollars a year. The salary of each of the other Commissioners shall be eighteen hundred dollars a year. The said Commissioners shall be allowed to employ a Chief Clerk upon a salary of twelve hundred dollars a year, and such assistants, not exceeding three in number, and 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 sureties 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 Baltimore.¹

An. Code, 1924, sec. 100. 1912, sec. 87. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 85. 1910, ch. 401, sec. 85 (p. 214).

97. 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 transfer shall have been recorded in the office of the board of shell fish commissioners.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 101. 1912, sec. 88. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 86. 1910, ch. 401, sec. 86 (p. 215).

98. 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

¹ This section repealed by Ch. 353, 1939, but as Act is subject to referendum vote at the November election, 1940, this section will not be repealed unless a majority of the voters voting thereon are in favor of said Act. If said Act is approved, this section will be repealed as of Dec. 5, 1940.