

as may be necessary to enable the said Board, or their successors, to find and ascertain the boundary lines of the said natural oyster beds, bars and rocks, as shown by a delineation on the maps and charts provided in this sub-title; said report shall be completed and filed in the office of the Board in the City of Baltimore, within ninety days after the completion of the survey of any County. Said Commissioners shall cause the same to be published in pamphlet form, and transmit copies of the same to the Clerks of the Circuit Courts for their respective Counties, where the charts have been filed or directed to be filed, as hereinafter provided, the said report to be filed by the Clerks of the several Counties in a book kept for that purpose. And the said survey and report, when filed, subject to the respective rights of protest, resurvey, review and appeal, provided by Sections 103, 104, 105, 106, 108 and 118 of this article, shall be taken in all the Courts of this State as conclusive evidence of the boundaries and limits of all natural oyster beds, bars and rocks lying within the waters of the County wherein such report and survey are filed, and subject to the provisions of said Sections shall be construed to mean in all of said Courts that there are no natural oyster beds, bars or rocks lying within the waters of the Counties wherein such report and survey are filed, other than those embraced in the survey or resurvey authorized by this sub-title, and that all areas of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries within the State of Maryland, not shown in the survey or resurvey to be natural oyster beds, bars or rocks, nor within the neutral zones surrounding the natural beds, bars or rocks as hereinafter provided, shall be construed in all the Courts of the State to be barren bottoms, and open for disposal by the State for the purpose of private planting or propagation of oysters thereon under the provisions of this sub-title, provided that the said survey or resurvey and report shall not be so construed as to affect in any manner the holdings by citizens of this State in any lot which may have been appropriated or taken up under the laws of this State prior to the third day of April, 1906.

See footnote to sec. 96.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 105. 1912, sec. 92. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 90. 1914, ch. 265, sec. 90.

102. The said Board, in defining the natural beds and bars, shall exercise its judgment liberally in favor of the natural beds and bars and allow a reasonable margin of the barren bottoms, rather than encroach on a natural bed or bar. The natural beds or bars shall be bounded by straight lines, even though some portions of barren bottoms may thus be necessarily included within such lines. All natural beds or bars shall be surrounded by neutral zones 200 yards wide in the Chesapeake Bay and Tangier Sound, and 50 yards wide elsewhere, to be located contiguous to but entirely outside of the natural beds and bars, which neutral zones shall be excluded from the operation of this sub-title, and no person shall be permitted to plant or cultivate oysters thereon or in any way to appropriate the same to his own use; provided that nothing herein contained shall effect in any manner leases actually issued and in force prior to the approval of this Act within such neutral zones.

See notes to sec. 108.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 106. 1912, sec. 93. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 91.

103. If residents of any county, exceeding twenty-four in number, shall, within four months after the filing of said survey and report in such