

torial limits of a county, be at least two hundred yards, or if fronting on waters in any other place, be at least seven hundred yards. The owners of land having a less water front than is mentioned above shall be entitled to rent a proportionately less amount of land, dependent upon the length of the front upon water within county limits or elsewhere.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 119. 1912, sec. 103. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 101.

116. Blank forms of application shall be furnished upon reasonable charges, to be prescribed by the Conservation Commission, to any person desiring the same. All such forms shall be printed and shall be substantially in the following language: Application for a lease to the Conservation Commission of Maryland. The application of ——— a resident of ——— county, in the State of Maryland, respectfully shows that he is a resident of said State; that he wishes and intends to use the ground hereinafter described for planting or cultivating oysters. He, therefore, requests that said Commission lease to him, in the name and on behalf of the State of Maryland ——— acres of ground located under the waters of the State of Maryland, which ground is more particularly described as follows, to wit: (Described here.) Dated at ——— Maryland, this ——— day of ——— A. D.

Applicant.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 120. 1912, sec. 104. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 102. 1912, ch. 539, sec. 102.

117. When the period of sixty days shall have elapsed after said survey shall have been completed, and after the lands beneath the waters of any area shall have been opened to leasing under section 114 of this article, the Conservation Commission shall endeavor to lease the remaining portions of land so open to oyster culture under the provisions of this subtitle to applicants, who shall be residents of Maryland, in the order of their applications received and opened by said Commission.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 121. 1912, sec. 105. 1906, ch. 711, sec. 103. 1914, ch. 265, sec. 103.

118. Any person who may desire to plant and cultivate oysters in the area hereinbefore designated shall file with the Conservation Commission an application substantially in the form prescribed in Section 116 of this article. The applicant, who must be a resident of the State of Maryland, shall indicate plainly the location of the land he desires to lease. The application shall be sworn to before a Justice of the Peace of this State. A fee of five dollars shall be paid by the applicant to the Conservation Commission at the time of filing the application which fee shall be returned to the applicant if his application shall be for any reason declined. All applications for leases pending at the time of the passage of this Act, but not then actually issued and in force, and all applications hereafter made shall be advertised by said Commission once a week for four successive weeks in a newspaper published in the County in which or nearest to which the area applied for is located, said advertisement to describe the location of the area applied for and to give the name and residence of the applicant, and the Commission shall have no power to issue any lease without such advertisement. Any three or more residents of this State may within the period of thirty days after the last inser-