

shall be set aside for the rights of the applicant, he or she shall have an undisputed right to said grounds during his or her natural life ; and provided further, that all persons locating or appropriating such lot or lots shall pay an annual tax of one dollar for each and every acre so appropriated or taken up, to be paid annually on or before the first day of July in each year, for the next five years ; and after the year 1911 the said lots or appropriated ground shall be subject to such changes in the rate of annual tax as may be determined by the board of county commissioners of said county, not exceeding the rate of five dollars per acre for any one year, and in the event that the annual tax should not be paid to the said county commissioners on or before July 1 of each year, then such lots shall revert in common to the free use of the citizens of said county, and be subject to re-location, as hereinbefore provided. The rental received from such lots shall be applied by the county commissioners to the permanent repairs of public roads in said county ; and it is further provided : Any person who may be convicted of taking oysters from any grounds so located shall, upon conviction in the circuit court for said county, be sentenced to the house of correction for not less than one year nor more than two years ; and nothing in this section shall affect or repeal the rights of those who had located oyster lots on five acres or less prior to the passage of this sub-title ; provided, that such appropriation shall not have been of a natural bar or bed, in which event the said location or appropriation shall under proper proceedings in the circuit court for said county be declared forfeited and open to the general public ; and provided further, that the owners of any such lots previously located shall pay annually the tax provided for in this section.

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1904, ch. 341, sec. 55 A. 1906, ch. 758.

64. Repealed.

1906, ch. 468.

67 A. All oysters taken from any natural rocks, beds or shoals in the waters of the Potomac river shall be culled on their natural rocks, beds or shoals as taken, and oysters whose shells measure less than two and one-half inches in length, measuring from hinge to mouth, and all shells shall be included