

ing 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 sections 84-119 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 these provisions. 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 law. 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 Annapolis.

1906, ch. 711.

85. The commissioners shall keep, at their office in the city of Annapolis, 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 these provisions. 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 these provisions until the conveyance or conveyances evidencing such leases or transfers shall have been recorded in the office of the board of shell fish commissioners.

Ibid.

86. The board of shell fish commissioners shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of these provisions, cause to be made a true and accurate survey of the natural oyster beds, bars and rocks of this State, said survey to be made with reference to