

owner or holder thereof, but the administrator or executor of such owner or holder shall have two years from the time of the death of said owner or holder, for the purpose of removing and selling the oysters that may be thereon at the time of the death of said owner; after which the said lot shall be open to location and appropriation as hereinbefore set forth; provided, however, that no non-resident of Somerset county shall be entitled to avail himself of the provisions of this act, whether he be sole or part owner of any land in said county; and, provided further, that under no construction of this act shall one person be entitled to own more than one such lot of five acres; and, provided further, that all lots located and appropriated under this act, shall be improved by the actual and *bona fide* planting, bedding and sowing oysters, shells or other shell-fish within one year of the date of the appropriation of the same by the owner thereof, and if the said owner shall neglect or fail to so improve his said lot within said period, then his title thereto shall be void, and the said lot shall be open to re-location under this act; and, provided further, that after oysters have been bedded and sown on any lot, and taken therefrom once or oftener, if at any time the said lot shall be permitted to be and remain without other oysters, shells or shell-fish having been bedded or sown thereon by the owner thereof for the space of two years, then the title to said lot shall be null and void, and the same shall be open to re-location under this act; and no owner or owners of any lot located under the provisions of this act shall be permitted to lease or rent the same to any non-resident of Somerset county, the question of the improvement of said lots under this section to be determined by said commissioners.

D. All location of such waters or grounds under such waters of Somerset county, to which this act is applicable, heretofore made for the purpose of planting, bedding or sowing oysters under the laws existing at the date of the passage of this act are hereby declared null and void; but whenever any person or persons may have located or appropriated a lot of five acres under such existing laws, said person or persons shall have priority of right for the term of one year from the date of the passage of this act, of locating said five acres under the provisions of this act, but nothing herein shall be construed to disturb or effect the title to any oysters which may have been bedded, sown or grown on any lot located and appropriated before the passage of this act; provided, however, that whenever any person or persons shall desire to locate five acres under the provisions of this act, which said five acres may have been located under the existing laws, the same shall not be open to location and appropriation unless the said water or bottom thereunder is a subject of location under the provisions of section A of this act; but whenever by the previous location and

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