

shall provide and have on the day of said election a ballot-box in which only the ballots cast under the provisions of this act shall be deposited by said judges of election; and after closing of said polls, the said ballots shall be counted and returned as in cases of other elections under the laws of this State; and it shall be the duty of said county commissioners and sheriff of said county to make all the necessary provisions to fully carry out the requirements of this act, so that said elections shall be fairly held on the day aforesaid as elections have heretofore been held in said county.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That ballots for or against such prohibition shall have printed on them the words "For prohibiting the taking of oysters with scrapes or dredges," or "Against prohibiting the taking of oysters with scrapes or dredges," and the ballots so cast shall be carefully counted by the judges of said election, and that said judges shall make a return of said votes, and deliver said ballots to the clerk of the circuit court for Somerset county, and said clerk shall within five days thereafter make proclamation of the result of said election and cause the same to be published in at least two newspapers printed in said county for at least two successive weeks.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if it shall be found by the said returns of the judges of election and proclamation of said clerk that a majority of said votes in said Crisfield, Lawson, Brinkley's, Fairmount, St. Peter's, Dames Quarter, Tangier, Mount Vernon and Smith's Island districts have been cast in favor of prohibiting the taking of oysters' with scrapes or dredges, that then, and in that event new sections shall be added to article twenty, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Somerset County," sub-title "Oysters," (to take effect the first day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety,) to follow next after section one hundred and ninety-six of said sub-title, and to be designated sub-sections one 1, two 2, three 3, four 4, five 5, six 6, seven 7, eight 8, nine 9, ten 10, eleven 11, twelve 12, and to read as follows:

SUB-SECTION 1-1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be unlawful for any person to employ any canoe, boat or vessel in catching or taking oysters with scoop, scrape, drag, dredge or any similar instrument in any of the waters of Somerset county.

SUB-SEC. 2-2. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons violating the provisions of section one of this act, shall on conviction thereof, be sentenced to be confined in the house of correction for a term of not less than six months nor more than two years at the discretion of the justice of the peace or the court trying the case; and the canoe, boat or vessel so unlawfully employed shall be forfeited and sold.