

equally divided between the public schools and county roads of the State.

Which were rejected.

Strike out section 33, substitute the following in lieu for the purpose of raising revenues for public schools.

“Section 3. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland for the purpose of raising revenue for the public schools that any bona fide resident of Maryland shall have the right to plant and cultivate oysters in the waters of this State, and such right shall be exercised in the manner prescribed in the following sections of this Act, and shall be subject to the regulations, provisions and limitations hereinafter set forth, but no corporation or joint stock company shall be permitted to lease or take up, or to acquire by assignment or otherwise, any lands of the State for oyster planting or cultivation.

“Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That all natural beds or bars shall be excluded from the operation of this Act, and no person shall be permitted to plant or cultivate oysters thereupon, or in any way to appropriate the same to his own use. The term, natural bed or bar, wherever the same may be used in this Act, is intended to apply to all land where oysters grow naturally in such quantities as to justify a person or persons in resorting to it regularly for a livelihood.

“Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That this Act is not intended to apply to any lands owned by private persons, the bounds of which extend into or beneath the waters of this State; neither is it intended to affect in any manner the rights of any person who may have heretofore planted oysters in accordance with any existing law of Maryland. This Act shall not be so construed as to apply to any creek, cove or inlet less than one hundred yards in width at its mouth at low tide.

“Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the office of Shell Fish Commissioner of Maryland is hereby created. The term of the incumbent of said office shall be four years,