

security for the payment of the first three years' rent, as provided in Section 7 of this Act, cause to be entered in a book or books to be known as "The Register of Titles to Oyster Lands," the name of the applicant with a concise but clear description of the land applied for. A survey of such land at the expense of the applicant shall be made by the Commissioner before the entry; if in his opinion said survey is necessary to an accurate description thereof. The payment of the proper fees due by this section to be kept shall constitute between the State and the applicant or bidder, as the case may be, the relation of landlord and tenant for the term of twenty years from the record of the lands so applied for as aforesaid at the annual rental of the amount decided upon by said Commissioner as the proper rental of such land, which shall be a sum not less than three (\$3) dollars and not more than five (\$5) dollars per acre, as hereinbefore provided. The provisions of this section shall also apply as far as possible to the successful bidders under Section 10 of this Act.

"Sec. 15. Be it further enacted, That the right of the applicant or bidder to obtain a lease under this Act may be contested before the Shell Fish Commissioner by any citizen of this State on the ground that a natural bed or bar is situated within the bounds of the grant, or for any other lawful reason. Objection to the right of the applicant or bidder to obtain a lease on the ground that a natural bed or bar is situated within the bounds of the proposed grant, shall, however, be made within a period of ninety days after such grant has been made.

"Sec. 16. Be it further enacted, That any one who may desire to contest the right of the applicant or bidder for any reason shall pay to the Shell Fish Commissioner five (\$5) dollars and shall state, in writing, the specific grounds of his objections; any such controversy shall be decided by the Commissioner upon testimony presented to him after due notice to both parties. The Commissioner shall, in such cases, be empowered to summon and examine witnesses under oath, and his decision thereof shall be final.