

“Entitled ‘An Act to establish and promote the industry of oyster culture upon certain lands of the State described herein.

“Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any bona-fide citizen of the State of Maryland shall have the right to plant and cultivate oysters in or upon any part of the tract of land which is described as follows, that is to say:

Beginning for the same on the low water line of the Chesapeake Bay on the eastern shore of Calvert county at a point thirty-eight degrees and forty minutes north latitude, and running thence due east six thousand yards to a point beneath the waters of the Chesapeake bay; thence due south six thousand yards to a point beneath the waters of said bay; thence by a straight line in a general south-easterly direction to a point beneath the waters of the said bay, situated on a line drawn due east and west through the centre of the Cove Point Light House and distant twenty-five hundred yards due east from the centre of said light house, thence due west reversing said line to the point of its intersection with the low water line of the Chesapeake Bay on the shore of Calvert county, and thence in a general northerly direction following the shore of Calvert county and binding on said low water line to the place of beginning. The right to plant and cultivate oysters heretofore given shall, however, 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.

“Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That as soon as possible after the passage of this Act, the Board of Public Works shall prepare a map of the tract of land described in section 1 of this Act, dividing the same, as nearly as may be, into three equal parts, running in a general northerly and southerly direction throughout the said tract of land. These three parts or parcels of land shall be known respectively as ‘The Western District, the Central District and the Eastern District.’ The Western district shall be sub-divided into lots containing ten acres each. The Central district shall be sub-divided into lots containing fifty acres each,