

missioners shall, as soon as they duly qualify, cause to be prepared a set of maps showing the area which shall be available for oyster culture under the provisions of this Act. The said Commissioners shall divide such area into districts, which shall be numbered by him. A map shall be prepared for each district, and as each map is compiled the district designated by such maps shall be declared by said Commissioners to be open for oyster culture under the terms of this Act, and notices stating that such district or districts are open for oyster culture shall be inserted by said commissioners in at least one daily newspaper published in the city of Baltimore and one newspaper published in a county adjoining said district which shall be declared to be open for a period of three weeks, with at least one notice inserted in each of said papers during each of said weeks. The position of all natural beds or bars within said district shall be located by actual survey and be indicated upon said maps of the Chesapeake Bay shall contain one hundred acres. The said sections shall be as nearly rectangular as possible. The location of each of the sections shall be shown on the maps. The said maps shall be filed in the office of said commissioner in the city of Baltimore immediately after the preparation of the same. The said sections shall be numbered and the rental per acre for each section shall be clearly stated in a book kept for that purpose by the commissioners and reference shall be made to said book in the advertisement hereinbefore provided for.

“Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Shell Fish Commissioners to lease, in the name of the State of Maryland tracts of land in the area indicated in this Act, provided that no tract so leased shall contain less than ten acres or more than one hundred acres. No one person shall be permitted, by assignment, or in any other manner, to acquire a greater amount of land than one hundred acres in the open waters of the bay. No leases of oyster land, excepting leases made to owners of land within county limits, shall be made only to bona fide and responsible persons, after the said district shall be declared open for oyster culture, and it shall be the duty of the commissioners