

be found to be a bona fide and responsible resident of the State of Maryland, and if no objections to the issuing of the lease asked for in any application may be filed with the commissioners, within the period of thirty days after such application shall be made, or as soon as any objections that may have been filed to the granting of such lease shall have been finally overruled by said commissioners, the said commissioners upon payment by the applicant of a further fee of four dollars in addition to the fee of six dollars, which is to accompany his application, and the giving of the security for the payment of the first three years rent, as provided in section seven 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 expence of the applicant shall be made by the commissioners before the entry, if in his opinion, said survey is necessary to an accurate description thereof. The payment of the proper fees due for the application and the record in the register required 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 such land, which shall be a sum not less than three dollars, and not more than five 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. 13. And be it enacted, That the right of the applicant or bidders to obtain a lease under this Act may be contested before the Shell Fish Commissioners 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. Objections 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.