

controversy shall be raised. If two county seats are about the same distance from the place of said controversy, the appeal may be taken to the Circuit Court for either of said counties.

“Sec. 20. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any tonger between the 15th day of April and the 15th day of June, in any year, to take oysters from the natural beds or bars of the Chesapeake bay, and provided, however, that such oysters shall not measure less than 2½ inches in shell measurement from hinge to mouth of the shell, and provided also, that said oysters may be sold only for the purposes now permitted under the existing laws of Maryland, during the season of the year above mentioned, and in addition thereto to persons engaged in the industry of planting and cultivating oysters within the area designated by this Act; the same to be delivered only upon lands which may have been leased under the provisions of this Act for said purposes of planting and cultivation.

“Sec. 21. And be it enacted, That it shall not be necessary for any holder of oyster land under this Act to take out any license for dredging, scraping or tonging, and oysters on such land may be taken up in such manner as may be desired by the holder of such land.

“Sec. 22. And be it enacted, That any person who shall wilfully and without authority take oysters from ground leased under the provisions of this Act, or who shall wilfully injure such ground in any manner, or injure the oysters thereupon situated, or interfere with the stakes, buoys or monuments marking the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment in jail or the penitentiary, in the discretion of the Court, for a term not exceeding two years.

“Sec. 23. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of all officers and members of the State Fishery Force, to arrest persons violating this Act.

“Sec. 24. And be it enacted, That the revenues arising from the operation of this Act, shall be applied in the following manner: First. To the payment of all