

tended to apply to all land where oysters grow naturally in such quantities as to justify a person or persons in resorting to it regularly for a livelihood.

"Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this Act is not intended to apply to any lands owned by private persons, the bounds of which extend into or beneath the waters of this State; neither is it intended to affect in any manner the rights of any person who may have heretofore planted oysters in accordance with any existing law of Maryland. This Act shall not be so construed as to apply to any creek, cove or inlet, less than one hundred yards in width at its mouth at low tide.

"Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners of Maryland is hereby created. There shall be three of said commissioners, one of whom shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore, another, a resident of one of the counties of the Western Shore, and the third, a resident of Baltimore city. The term of the members of said Board shall be two years, reckoning from the first Monday in May after they are appointed. They shall be appointed by the Governor of Maryland with the advice and consent of the Senate if in session and without said advice and consent if not in session. The acts and duties to be done and performed by said commissioners under this Act may be done and performed by two of said commissioners, and in all cases the decision of a majority of said commissioners shall be binding. One of said commissioners, shall be designated by the Governor as the Chief Commissioner and his salary shall be \$2,500 a year. The salary of each of the other commissioners shall be \$2,000 a year. The commissioners shall be allowed to employ a chief clerk upon a salary of \$1,200 a year and such assistants, not exceeding six in number of graded salaries, to be named by the commissioners, not to exceed \$1,000 a year for any of such assistants, as they deem necessary to aid them in the proper performance of their duties as prescribed in this Act. They shall also be allowed to employ a competent surveyor, who shall also be a hydrographic engineer, upon a salary to be named by said commissioners, not exceeding \$2,500 a year. All salaries, outlays and disbursements author-