

lished 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 to demand from each proposed lessee security for the first three years rent, to be approved by said Commissioners; the term of such lessees shall be twenty years and the annual rent reserved to the State shall be a sum not less than three nor more than five dollars per acre, to be decided with in the said limits by the Commissioners in accordance with his judgment, of the value of the land leased; said annual rent shall be made payable at the end of each year to the Shell Fish Commissioners. If any part of the rent reserved under such leases shall remain unpaid for more than sixty days after the same becomes due, such lease or leases