

shall be declared void, and the land shall revert to the State, and may be leased again in accordance with the provisions of this Act. It shall then be the duty of the Shell Fish Commissioners to proceed at once against the surety or sureties of said lessee for any rent that may be in arrears.

"Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That for a period of three months after each of the maps hereinbefore provided for shall have been filed in the office of the Commissioners, citizens of Maryland, residing in any part of the State, who are owners of land having a water front upon any of the area therein indicated, shall have the exclusive right in the order of their application to lease any section, or portion of section, or portion of two or more sections, adjacent to their lands; and for an additional three months after the expiration of said period, all boatmen, residents of this State, who at the time of the passage of this Act, shall be actually engaged in the business of tonging, dredging or scraping for oysters, shall have the like exclusive right in the order of their application to lease any remaining lands in such districts; provided, that in no event shall any land owner or boatmen, or other person, be permitted to lease more than one hundred acres, of the land which is leased.

"Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That blank forms of application shall be furnished upon reasonable charge to be prescribed by the Commissioners to any person desiring the same. All such forms shall be printed, and shall be substantially in the following language: Application for a lease to the Shell Fish Commissioners of Maryland. The application of———, a resident of———, bona fide and responsible resident of said State; that he wishes and intends to use the grounds hereinafter described for cultivating oysters. He, therefore, requests that said Commissioners lease to him, in the name and on behalf of the State of Maryland, ————— acres of ground located under the waters of the State of Maryland, which ground is more particularly described as follows, to-wit: