

Chapter 138.

AN ACT to allow the citizens of Accomac county, Virginia, a period of two years to remove oysters planted by them in the Chincoteague bay, on the north side of the state line established by the commissioners appointed by the States of Maryland and Virginia for the purpose of establishing said state line.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many citizens of Accomac county, in the State of Virginia, have, previous to the establishment of the state line between Maryland and Virginia, planted many oysters in the State of Maryland, in the Chincoteague bay, on the north side of said line, supposing they were planting the said oysters in the State of Virginia; and whereas it is desirous to secure the said citizens of Accomac county, Virginia, from loss and damage on account of the same; therefore—

Rights of citizens of Accomac county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all citizens of Accomac county, Virginia, who have planted oysters on the north side of the recently established line between the States of Maryland and Virginia, in the Chincoteague bay, shall have the same rights of possession and property in said oysters, for the space of two years from the passage of this act, as if they were citizens of Maryland; provided that after the said space of two years the rights of the said citizens of Accomac county, Virginia, shall be void and of no effect in law.

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 27, 1884.