

Section 102. When the period of ten months will have elapsed after said survey shall have been completed, or after the lands beneath the waters of any areas shall have been opened to leasing under Section 99 of this Act, the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners shall endeavor to lease the remaining portions of land so open to oyster culture under the provisions of this Act to applicants who shall be residents of Maryland, in order of their applications as received and opened by said commissioners.

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Remainder of land leased to residents of Maryland in order of their application.

Section 103. Any person who may desire to plant and cultivate oysters in the area hereinbefore designated shall file with the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners an application substantially in the form prescribed in Section 101 of this Act. The applicant shall indicate plainly the location of the land he desires to lease. The application shall be sworn to before a justice of the peace of this State. A fee of five dollars shall be paid by the applicant to the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners at the time of filing the application, which fee shall be returned to the applicant if his application shall be for any reason declined.

Application to be filed.

Section 104. If such applicant be a resident of the State of Maryland, and if no objections to the issuing of the lease asked for in any such application be filed with the commissioners within the period of thirty days after such application is made, or as soon as any objections that may have been filed to the granting of such lease will have been finally overruled by said commissioners, the said commissioners, upon payment by the applicant of a further fee of two dollars and a half, in addition to the fee of five dollars, which is to accompany his application, shall cause to be entered in a book or books to be known as "The Register of Titles to Oyster Lands," the name of the applicant, with a concise but clear description of the land applied for. A survey of such land at the expense of the applicant shall be made by the board before the entry, if, in its opinion, said survey is necessary to an accurate description thereof. The payment of the proper fees due for the application and record in the register required by this section to be kept shall constitute between the State and the applicant the relation of landlord and tenant for the term of twenty years, from the record of the lands so applied for as aforesaid, at the annual rentals provided in Section 98 of this Act.

Name of applicant entered in "The register of titles to oyster lands."