

nation to determine whether or not the location desired is a natural oyster bar or bed, and the commissioners so appointed shall receive three dollars per day each for their services, and any amount of said ten dollars not expended shall be refunded to the applicant; and when the commission appointed by the said County Commissioners shall have investigated the question as to whether or not the lot desired to be appropriated and located is a natural oyster bar or bed, then they shall report the same to the said County Commissioners, and if the same be declared a natural bed or bar they shall refuse to grant to the applicant the right to take up the property so desired to be located. But if after the examination hereinbefore required to be made the said commission shall decide that the lot sought to be appropriated is not a natural oyster bar or bed, and after the same shall be set aside for the rights of the applicant, he or she shall have an undisputed right to said grounds during his or her natural life; and provided further, that all persons locating or appropriating such lot or lots shall pay an annual tax of one dollar for each and every acre so appropriated or taken up, to be paid annually on or before the first day of July in each year, for the next five years; and after the year 1911 the said lots or appropriated ground shall be subject to such changes in the rate of annual tax as may be determined by the board of County Commissioners of said county, not exceeding the rate of five dollars per acre for any one year, and in the event that the annual tax should not be paid to the said County Commissioners on or before July 1 of each year, then such lots shall revert in common to the free use of the citizens of said county, and be subject to re-location, as hereinbefore provided. The rental received from such lots shall be applied by the County Commissioners to the permanent repairs of public roads in said county; and it is further provided: Any person who may be convicted of taking oysters from any grounds so located shall upon conviction in the Circuit Court for said county be sentenced to the house of correction for not less than one year nor more than two years; and nothing in this Act shall affect or repeal the rights of those who had located oyster lots on five acres or less prior to the passage of this Act; provided, that such appropriation shall not have been of a natural bar or bed, in which

Annual tax.

Taking oysters from located grounds.