

shall be consolidated and share the profits of their offices, all of said commissioners to hold office for two years, or until his successor shall have been qualified, and to be removable by the Governor on cause shown, in his discretion, and another person shall be appointed by the Governor in his place to serve out the balance of his term; provided, however, that the provisions of this bill shall not apply to boats under ten tons burthen, custom house measurement, nor to persons engaged on such vessels who are living in the county of which the captain is a resident; provided, that the word county in this section shall not be construed to include Baltimore city or Baltimore county.

SEC. 69. Every State Shipping Commissioner so appointed shall give bond to the State of Maryland for the faithful performance of his duty, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, with one or more securities, which bond shall be approved by the judge of the Circuit Court of the county where the office of the commissioner may be located, as hereinafter provided, and by a judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city for those commissioners whose offices are required to be located in that city; and upon being found guilty of neglect of duty, his bond shall be liable. Bond.

SEC. 70. The officers of the said shipping commissioner shall be located as follows: first district at Chestertown, Kent county; second district at St. Michaels, Talbot county; third district at Cambridge, Dorchester county; fourth district at White Haven, Wicomico county; fifth district at Crisfield, Somerset county; sixth district at Annapolis, Anne Arundel county; seventh district at Solomon's Island, Calvert county; but whenever, in the discretion of the Governor, it shall be deemed necessary to change the location of any of the first seven districts, such change may be made, and the Governor is hereby authorized to make such publications of such change as he may deem necessary. Location of officers.

SEC. 71. The general duties of said shipping commissioners shall be, first, to superintend the engagement and discharge of all persons engaged or employed on all boats or vessels used for the catching of oysters in the waters of this State in the manner hereinafter prescribed; second, to make and certify under his hand and seal in duplicate, all contracts of engagements as hereinafter provided, on blanks to be furnished by him gratuitously, which said contracts shall contain the name Duties of shipping commissioners.