

counties from using the waters of the Chester river in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Wicomico counties from using the water of Nanticoke river in common, or the citizens of Queen Anne's and Talbot counties from using the waters of Wye river and the mouth thereof in common, or the citizens of Dorchester and Talbot counties from using the waters of the Choptank river in common; provided, however, that the County Commissioners shall be authorized to give special permission to any woman who has no visible means of support, to take and catch oysters without license; provided, also, that boys under fifteen years of age shall not be required to license.

2. Each and every license to take or catch oysters for sale with rakes or tongs, shall state the name, age and residence of the person to whom the same is to be granted, the number and the county in which the same is to be used, and every applicant for such license shall pay to the clerk of the circuit court, when such license may be granted and before the issuing and delivery of the same, the sum of three and a-half dollars, except boys under fifteen years of age, the clerk to receive twenty-five cents for each and every tonging license so issued as a fee for issuing the same, including administering the oath when required; two-thirds of the amount received for tonging licenses, shall be paid by the clerk to the school commissioners for the use of the public schools in the respective counties where such licenses are issued, and of this amount the portion received from white tongers, to go to the white schools, and the portion received from colored tongers, to go to the colored schools, and the remaining one-third to be paid over by the clerk to the Comptroller of the State treasury to be credited to the oyster fund.

What license to contain.

Cost of license.

3. Every applicant for license to take or catch oysters with rakes or tongs, shall be required to make oath or affirmation before the clerk authorized to issue the same, or some justice of the peace, on whose certificate of the taking of such oath or affirmation, the clerk shall issue said license; that the facts set forth in said license are strictly true; that he has been a bona fide resident of the county for twelve months next preceding his application for said license; that he desires and intends to use said license in the county in which he resides, or the waters used in common, as herein provided in this article, and that he will comply with and obey all the laws of this State, regulating the taking or catching of oysters.

Oath of applicant.