

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That no appropriation for the benefit of the colored industrial schools of any county, provided for under this Act, shall be paid after the first annual appropriation, unless the average daily attendance at such school or schools shall have been, for the preceding year, at least thirty scholars; and in case said attendance shall fall short of said number, then there shall be paid to the treasurer of the County School Commissioners maintaining said school or schools, only at the rate of fifty (\$50.00) dollars a scholar, for the daily average annual attendance at the same, to be determined by the report hereinbefore required to be made to the Comptroller.

Appropriation when paid.

Approved April 7, 1898.

#### CHAPTER 274.

AN ACT to add a new Section to Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "St. Mary's County," sub-title "Oysters," to follow Section 96, to be designated as Sections 96 A and 96 B, and to repeal Section 46 of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters," so far as the provisions of said section are in conflict or inconsistent with the aforesaid new sections added to Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and the same are hereby added to Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "St. Mary's County," sub-title "Oysters," to follow section 96, to be designated as sections 96 A and 96 B, and that section 46 of Article 72 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters," be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the provisions of said section are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of the new sections aforesaid, which new sections shall read as follows:

Repeal.

96 A. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons or body corporate to survey, locate, appropriate, hold or attempt to hold any oyster beds, bars or bottoms suitable for the catching of oysters within the limits of St. Mary's county, except that any male citizen above the age of twenty-one years may have surveyed and located one acre of such bottom for the purpose of planting oysters within the limits of St. Mary's county; provided, however, that no such location, appropriation or holding shall be permitted upon any natural oyster bed, bar or

Unlawful to hold oyster beds, etc.