

construed to forbid any person from catching his own planted oysters at any time or with any kind of instrument; provided, however, that the County Commissioners of said county shall be authorized to give special permission to any woman who has no visible means of support to take or catch oysters without license.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That each and every license issued in conformity to the provisions of Section 1 of this Article, shall state the name, color, age and residence of the person to whom the license is to be granted; the number thereof 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 where such license may be granted, and before the issuing and delivery of the same, three and one-half dollars; the Clerk to receive fifty cents for each and every such license as a fee for issuing the same, including administering the oath when required. Two-thirds of the amount received for such 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 the white tongers to go to the white schools, and the portion received from the colored tongers to go to the colored schools, and the remaining third to be paid over by the Clerk to the Comptroller of the State Treasury, to be credited to the oyster fund.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That every applicant for license as aforesaid 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 therein are strictly true; that he has been a bona fide resident of the county for twelve months next preceding his application for said license, and that he will comply with and obey all laws of this State and county regulating the taking or catching of oysters.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the Comptroller of the Treasury shall cause to be printed and delivered to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the said county the requisite number of such blank licenses and take receipts for the same as for other licenses furnished; and said Clerk shall on the first Monday of March and December of each year return to the Comptroller a list and account of such licenses issued by him, and at the end of each tonging season shall return all unused licenses to him, and shall pay over to the Comptroller one-third of the amount received by him for such licenses, which amount the said Comptroller shall place to the credit of the oyster fund.