

censed oystermen, who earn their livelihood by catching oysters. In the planting of shells or seed oysters in any area, the Department of Tidewater Fisheries or its successors shall confer with and procure the advice of the committee of oystermen for the county adjacent or nearest to the tonging area to be planted. A similar advisory committee of five licensed dredgers shall be selected to confer and advise in the propagation of oysters in the dredging areas. *In the event that the ~~licensed~~ LICENSED oystermen of any county have not, within thirty (30) days after December 1, 1961, filled the initial appointments to the advisory committees provided for hereunder, such initial appointments shall be made by the Department. Where an initial appointment has been made, but a vacancy has occurred because of the member's inability or unwillingness to serve, and such vacancy is not filled by the licensed oystermen of the particular county within thirty (30) days after the vacancy has occurred, the Department shall make the necessary appointments to fill each vacancy.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1961.*

Approved May 3, 1961.

CHAPTER 681

(House Bill 223)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5 (a) of Article 38 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Fines and Forfeitures"; and to repeal Section 104 (g) of Article 52 of the said Code (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System"; and to add new Section 48B to Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Somerset County", sub-title "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 48A thereof, as Section 48A was last amended by Chapter 527 of 1959; relating to the disposition of fines, penalties and forfeitures collected in the circuit court for Somerset County and collected by justices of the peace of Somerset County, and authorizing the County Commissioners of Somerset County to appropriate funds monthly for the support of the Bar Library of Somerset County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 5 (a) of Article 38 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Fines and Forfeitures", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

5 (a). General.—One half of the fines imposed and recognizances forfeited to the circuit court for the several counties of the State, shall be paid to the clerks of the respective courts, to be expended under the direction of the judge or judges of said courts, for the augmentation of the libraries of said courts, and one-half of the fines and recognizances received by the city treasurer of Baltimore City from the justices of the peace in Baltimore City and the Sheriff of Baltimore City, as adjudged by and accruing in the criminal courts