

oyster.] THE DEPARTMENT BY RULE MAY PERMIT ~~IN SPECIFIC AREAS AT SPECIFIED TIMES~~ THE POSSESSION OF MARKETABLE OYSTERS TO WHICH NONMARKETABLE OYSTERS ADHERE SO CLOSELY THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REMOVE THEM WITHOUT DESTROYING THE SMALLER OYSTER. Oyster culling shall be completed before any oyster is thrown or deposited in the hold or bottom of any boat.

(b) [A person may not possess] AFTER CULLING AND PLACING IN THE HOLD OR BOTTOM OF A BOAT, A PERSON'S POSSESSION OF OYSTERS MAY NOT INCLUDE A COMBINED TOTAL OF more than 5 percent [shells of any size and] OF oysters WHICH MEASURE less than 3 inches from hinge to [mouth] BILL, AND CULTCH CONSISTING OF SHELLS, STONES, GRAVEL, AND SLAG. In ascertaining this percentage the department shall select an amount of oysters from any pile, hold, bin, house, or place as deemed proper and require it to be culled and disposed of, as provided by this section. ALL SMALL OYSTERS AND CULTCH THAT ADHERE TO MARKETABLE OYSTERS SHALL BE SEPARATED, AND THE MARKETABLE OYSTERS SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY MEASUREMENT OF SMALL OYSTERS AND CULTCH. HOWEVER, A PERSON MAY NOT POSSESS MORE THAN 10 MARKETABLE OYSTERS PER BUSHEL THAT HAVE UNDERSIZED OYSTERS OR SPAT ATTACHED TO THEM THAT CANNOT BE SEPARATED WITHOUT DESTROYING THE SMALL OYSTER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved April 11, 1978.

CHAPTER 135

(House Bill 616)

AN ACT concerning

Election Code - New Political Parties

FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Administrative Board of Election Laws to prescribe the form of a petition for the formation of a political party; and placing a limitation on the time for the obtaining of signatures, the filing of the petition and the proper number of valid signatures of voters in support of the petition.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
 Section 4B-1(a), (b), and (e)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)