

17. There shall be formed for each battalion at least one company of riflemen or light infantry; and to each brigade at least one company of artillery and four troops of horse.

18. Every citizen of this State who shall since the fifth day of April in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, have served seven years in a uniform volunteer company, or who shall hereafter serve seven years in such company, shall after that time be exempted from militia duty except during war or insurrection.

19. Any uniform volunteer company may attach itself to any regiment it may choose whose regimental district is in whole or in part within the county in which such company may be formed; *Provided*, application therefor, signed by not less than a majority of the members of such company, be made to the adjutant general.

20. The adjutant general, immediately upon receiving such application, shall communicate the fact to the commanding officer of the regiment to which the company applying shall ask to be attached, who shall thereupon enrol said company in his regiment and give notice thereof to the captain of the company.

21. Every uniform company after it shall have been enrolled in a regiment other than that in whose regimental district it may be formed, and notice thereof shall have been given to the captain thereof, shall be subject in all respects to the exclusive orders of the commanding officer of the regiment in which it has been enrolled.

22. Every citizen above the age of eighteen years shall have the right to join a uniform volunteer company, whether the same be formed within or ~~outside~~ the regimental or company district in which he may reside.

23. No uniform volunteer company shall be required to consist of more than thirty-two members, and the commander of every regiment, extra battalion or squadron of uniform militia, or of a regiment to which a company of uniformed volunteers may be attached, shall annually in the month of June, transmit by mail to the adjutant general's office a return of the number of men in every uniform militia company under his command, to be therein recorded, and if it shall appear by any return so made that any company has not the requisite number of men, the adjutant