

He shall, at the expense of the State, when necessary, cause the militia law, the military regulations of the State and Articles of War of the United States to be printed, indexed and bound in proper and compact form and distributed to the commissioned officers of the National Guard, sheriffs, clerks of Circuit Courts of the counties, and to the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, one copy to each; and to each commissioned officer and headquarters he shall issue one copy of the necessary text-books and of such annual reports concerning the militia as the Governor may direct. (c) He shall cause to be prepared and issued all necessary blank books, blank forms and notices required to carry into full effect the provisions of this chapter. All such books and blanks shall be and remain the property of the State. (d) The seal now used in the office of the Adjutant General shall be the seal of his office and shall be delivered by him to his successor. (e) The Adjutant General may have one Assistant Adjutant General of the grade of Colonel, whose salary shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and the said sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose annually, and the Comptroller is hereby directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay the same in equal monthly instalments; and the necessary clerks and employees, not exceeding four, and as many laborers as may be required from time to time. The Assistant Adjutant General shall be at the time of his appointment an officer in active service in the militia of the State, or shall have served in the National Guard for at least three years. He shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Adjutant General, and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges granted to officers of the National Guard in this chapter. The clerks and employees shall be appointed and the laborers hired by the Adjutant General. The Assistant Adjutant General shall aid the Adjutant General by the performance of such duties as may be assigned to him, and shall, in case of absence or inability of the Adjutant General, perform all or such portion of the duties of the Adjutant General as the Governor or Adjutant General may expressly delegate to him. (f) In order that the National Guard of the State shall receive the benefit of the funds provided by Congress, it shall be the duty of the Adjutant General of the State to submit to the proper United States authorities a plan of proposed field or camps service of instructions, prepared by the Governor and Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, with an estimate of the funds required for payment, subsistence and transportation of the National Guard participating therein, said estimate to furnish