

ARTICLE IX.

MILITIA AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Age from 18 to 45
years.

SECTION 1. The Militia shall be composed of all able-bodied male citizens, residents of this State, being eighteen years of age, and under the age of forty-five years, who shall be enrolled in the militia, and perform military duty in such manner, not incompatible with the Constitution and laws of the United States, as may be prescribed by the General Assembly of Maryland, but persons whose religious opinions and conscientious scruples forbid them to bear arms, shall be relieved from doing so on producing to the proper authorities satisfactory proof that they are thus conscientious.

Religious scruples
respected.

Militia Laws to be
adopted by the
Legislature.
1853, ch. 343.

SEC. 2. The General Assembly shall provide at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, and from time to time thereafter, as the exigency may require, for organizing, equipping and disciplining the militia in such manner, not incompatible with the laws of the United States as shall be most effective to repel invasion and suppress insurrection, and shall pass such laws as shall promote the formation of Volunteer Militia Associations in the city of Baltimore and in every county, and to secure them such privileges or assistance as may afford them effectual encouragement.

Adjutant General
appointed by Gov-
ernor.

2 Md. 341.

SEC. 3. There shall be an Adjutant General, who shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. He shall hold his office at the pleasure of the Governor; shall perform such duties, and shall receive such compensation or emoluments as are now or may be hereafter fixed by law.