

laws of this State to administer oaths or to take affidavits, shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if the said mortgages or assignments of mortgages had been sworn to in conformity with law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10, 1900.

CHAPTER 657.

AN ACT to repeal Sections 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 31, 32, 34 and 36 of Article 65, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Militia," as re-enacted by Chapter eighty-nine of the Acts of Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and to re-enact the same, with amendments, and to add additional Sections to said Article 65, Code of Public General Laws, title "Militia," as re-enacted by Chapter eighty-nine, of the Acts of Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and by this Act to be known and designated as Sections 14A, 50, 51, 52 and 53.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 31, 32, 34 and 36 of Article 65, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Militia," as re-enacted by Chapter eighty-nine, of the Acts of Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

Militia law.
Re-enacted
with amend-
ments.

8. The first brigade, already formed and organized out of the volunteer uniformed organizations now existing, together with such others as may be provided for by law, and the naval brigade, as hereinafter constituted, shall constitute the body of organized militia, and shall be known as the "Maryland National Guard." The first brigade shall consist of not more than forty companies, infantry, cavalry, artillery and signal corps, to contain not more than twenty-five hundred enlisted men; the naval brigade shall consist of not more than two battalions, to contain not more than three hundred and twenty-four enlisted men.

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9. The "Maryland National Guard," until otherwise provided by law, shall consist of the following infantry organizations: The First Regiment, the Fourth Regiment, the Fifth Regiment, the Separate Colored Company, Troop A Cavalry

Organization.