

operative and in force when promulgated in the form of general orders, circulars or letters of instruction.

1908, ch. 103, sec. 18. 1914, ch. 663, sec. 17.

17. The Maryland National Guard shall consist of a Brigadier General; Adjutant General's Department; Inspector General's Department; Ordnance Department; Quartermaster's Corps (consolidating as at present organized the Quartermaster's Department, the Subsistence Department and the Pay Department); Judge Advocate General's Department; Medical Department; Engineer Corps; Signal Corps; Coast Artillery Corps; Infantry; Cavalry; Field Artillery, the existing military organizations and the Naval Brigade.

The organizations authorized by this Section shall constitute a Brigade and a Naval Brigade, to consist of such tactical units officered and with an enlisted strength as may be determined in the manner provided for in Section 18 of this Article.

The Governor shall have power in case of war, insurrection, invasion, or imminent danger thereof, to increase the force herein provided for and to organize the same as the exigencies of the service may require.

The Governor shall have power at any time to change the organization of regiments, battalions, troops, batteries, companies, divisions, corps or departments so as to conform to any organization, system of drill or instruction, now or hereafter adopted by the Army or Navy of the United States; and for that purpose the number of officers and enlisted men of any grade in regiments, battalions, troops, batteries, companies, divisions, corps or departments may be increased or decreased to the extent made necessary by such change; Provided, that commissioned officers who shall become surplus may be relieved from active duty and held supernumerary and while held as supernumerary shall be subject only to the orders of the Governor and Commander-in-chief, and shall be available for detail to active duty at the pleasure of the Governor.*†

1908, ch. 103, sec. 19. 1914, ch. 663, sec. 18.

18. The Governor as Commander-in-chief by executive order shall fix the number of officers and enlisted men that shall compose the strength of the several departments, corps and tactical units of the Maryland National Guard, provided, however, that in time of peace the minimum enlisted strength of a company, troop, battery or division shall not be less than forty men.

*The act of 1914, chapter 672, strikes out the designation "Naval Brigade" wherever it appears in article 65 of the code, and substitutes therefor the designation "Naval Militia."

†Some difficulty was experienced in codifying the act of 1914, chapter 663. A careful study of the act, however, seems to make reasonably clear the intention of the act, which is carried out in its codification.