

qualifications, the general capacity and efficiency of any officer holding a probationary, or permanent, commission, or who may have been elected, or appointed for commission in the Maryland National Guard; and said boards shall have power to take evidence, administer oaths and compel witnesses to attend and testify and produce books and papers, and punish those failing to do so, as is possessed by a general court-martial. The said boards shall convene at the headquarters of the first brigade, or naval brigade, as the case may be, at such times as may be directed by the convening authority. At least two weeks' notice of the date of the sitting shall be given all officers ordered to appear for examination. Within twenty days after each examination said boards shall make a detailed report of their results to the Governor as Commander-in-Chief, who shall thereupon revoke the commissions of all officers who have previously been commissioned on probation failing to appear, and of those failing to pass an examination satisfactory to said board, and anyone failing to pass such an examination shall not be eligible for a commission in the National Guard of this State, or for promotion therein, for the period of one year from the date of such failure except upon the recommendation of the commanding officer of the regiment, or separate organization, as the case may be. The Governor as Commander-in-Chief may allow an examination to any officer who shall give him a satisfactory excuse for not appearing before said board when first ordered, and on the recommendation of said boards to any officer failing to pass a satisfactory examination and shall have power to extend the probationary commission until such examination but no such extension shall be granted for more than two sessions of said board. The board so appointed shall be named for a specific term of service.*

1908, ch. 103, sec. 42. 1910, ch. 204, sec. 42 (p. 196). 1912, ch. 851, sec. 42.

41. There shall be a retired list exclusively restricted to retirement of officers on the active list of the authorized organized militia and none other, to be known and designated as the "Maryland National Guard Retired," and the officers placed thereon as herein provided shall be authorized to wear their uniforms and equipments upon all military occasions and occasions of ceremony. They will wear the insignia of their grade, but not the designation of the particular organization to which they belong when in the Maryland National Guard. Retired officers upon said list shall be amenable to court-martial for military offences to the same extent as officers on the active list of the Maryland National Guard. Any officer of the National Guard who has reached the age of sixty-four years may be placed upon the retired list by the Governor. Any commissioned officer who shall have served in the military service of the State for fifteen years may upon his own request be placed upon the retired list and withdrawn from active

*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."