

enlisted man who has reached the age of sixty-four years shall be placed upon the retired list and any officer or enlisted man who has been in the active military service of the State for a period of fifteen years may, upon application, be relieved from active duty and placed upon the retired list and, also, any officer or enlisted man who from physical disability or change in residence, after ten years' active service becomes incapable of performing his duties may be placed upon the retired list. Provided, that an enlisted man who has completed twenty-five years active service, may be retired in the grade of Second Lieutenant.

1922, ch. 490, sec. 16.

18. Commissioned officers of the organized militia shall take and subscribe to the following oath of office:

"I,, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Maryland, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and of the Governor of the State of Maryland; that I make this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of in the National Guard of the United States and of the State of Maryland upon which I am about to enter, so help me God."

1922, ch. 490, sec. 17.

19. All officers shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor and shall not be recognized as such under any of the provisions of this Article unless they shall have been selected from the following classes and shall have taken and subscribed to the oath of office prescribed in the preceding section of this Article; officers or enlisted men of the National Guard; officers, active or retired, reserve officers, and former officers of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps; enlisted men and former enlisted men of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps who have received an honorable discharge therefrom, graduates of the United States Military and Naval Academies; and graduates of schools, colleges, universities and officers' training camps, where they have received military instruction under the supervision of an officer of the Regular Army who certified their fitness for appointment as commissioned officers; and for the technical branches or Staff Corps and departments, such other civilians as may be specially qualified for duty therein. Provided that, before such appointment, officers shall be recommended as follows: Commanding officers of units comprising a brigade by the brigade commander; all other officers by the commanding officers of the respective units or chiefs of their respective staff corps or departments. A general officer and a colonel at the time of appointment must be an officer in the National Guard of the State of a grade of field officer, or have been in active service in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps or National Guard with a higher grade than captain. A lieutenant-colonel or major of the line at the time of appointment must have