

(Baltimore); Talbot county guard, (Talbot county); the Allegany county guard, (Cumberland); the Monumental city guard and the Baltimore rifles, (Baltimore city); and three companies, one from Calvert county, one from Charles county, and one from Prince George's county; the said Baltimore city companies other than the Fifth regiment and the said Monumental city guard and Baltimore rifles, and the said county companies, other than the Allegany county guard, may be formed into one or more battalions as the commander-in-chief may deem best; and all said battalions may be formed into regiments if the commander-in-chief shall consider the same advisable; the said brigade shall be commanded by a brigadier-general or the senior ranking officer, until a brigadier-general shall be duly elected, when said election shall be ordered by the commander-in-chief; and the head-quarters of the brigade shall be in the city of Baltimore.

1886, ch. 162, sec. 3.

28. The men composing said force shall be sworn in as prescribed in the general militia law, and regularly enlisted; and when so enlisted, shall be considered in the active militia service of the State, and shall serve for the period of three years from the date of enlistment, unless sooner honorably discharged from service, or dishonorably dismissed therefrom for misconduct; all officers and men belonging to said respective military organizations, on April 1, 1886, shall constitute a portion of said force in all respects as if duly enlisted at the time when they respectively became members thereof; the period of their service to be accounted from the date when they so respectively became members; and so long as they continue to be members thereof, they shall be subject to all the rules of military discipline, and to the provisions of this article; but it is expressly hereby provided, that no person then a member, and who may then have already served for three years, shall be compelled to re-enlist; any person then a member or thereafter enlisting and becoming a member, who may already have served or who may hereafter serve for a period of three years, accounting from the date of his enlistment or becoming a member, shall be entitled to a discharge at any time, upon application to the commandant of the regiment or battalion or independent company to which he belongs, if he has performed his