

1896, ch. 89.

14. The names of persons duly elected or nominated to offices in accordance with the provisions of this article shall be forwarded to the commander-in-chief to the end that commissions may be issued to them, but before forwarding such names the brigade commander or the regimental commander or the commanding officer of the first naval battalion, as the case may be, shall require the person so elected, and may require those nominated, to be examined with respect to their qualifications and fitness to fill the offices to which they have been elected, or for which they have been nominated respectively, by a board of examiners. The board of examiners for the examination of officers, except officers of the first naval battalion, shall consist, for the examination of all officers above the rank of captain, of three officers in the brigade above the rank of captain, and for the examination of aids on the staff of the brigadier general and of officers of the separate organizations, of three officers not above the rank of captain, to be appointed by the brigade commander; and for the examination of all regimental officers not above the rank of captain, of three officers of the regiment to be appointed by the regimental commander. The board of examiners for the examination of officers of the first naval battalion, shall consist of three officers of said battalion to be appointed by the commander or commanding officer. On the report of any of such boards of examiners, the appointing officer shall forward said report through the regular channels to the commander-in-chief, and if the commander-in-chief shall adjudge a person unqualified for the office to which he has been elected or nominated as aforesaid, another person shall, within twenty days after due notice of such adverse decision be elected or nominated, and in default of such election or nomination the vacancy may be filled by the commander-in-chief. All officers whose election or nomination as set forth in this article, shall be approved by the Governor and commander-in-chief, shall be duly commissioned by him.

Ibid.

15. Every commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer and private, before he enters upon his duties, or exercises any command, shall take and subscribe in such manner and before such