

if found qualified, warranted by the captain or commanding officer; divisional petty officers shall be appointed by the commanding officers of the respective divisions, who shall certify the same to the captain or commanding officer; the captain or commanding officer shall thereupon cause an examination of the officers so appointed to be held, and if they shall be qualified, he shall issue warrants accordingly. The rank given in this article to officers of the naval brigade is naval rank. The relative rank of officers in said brigade with officers in the United States Army is as follows: Captain, with colonel; commander, with lieutenant colonel; lieutenant-commander, with major; lieutenant, with captain; lieutenant (junior grade), with first lieutenant; and ensigns, with second lieutenant. The relative position of seamen, ordinary seamen and landsmen shall be that of a private in the United States Army, and the relative positions of petty officers in the said naval brigade with non-commissioned officers in the United States Army shall be determined by the commander-in-chief.

1900, ch. 657.

**12.** The officers of the line of the brigade shall be elected as follows: The brigadier-general by the ballots of the field officers of the brigade; provided that no person shall be eligible to the office of brigadier-general who shall not have served as a commissioned officer during the war or five years in the army of the United States or in the National Guard; field officers by the ballots of the company officers of the respective regiments; captains and lieutenants of companies, the troop of cavalry, the battery of artillery and the signal corps, by the ballots of the enlisted men of the said respective organizations. The officers of the naval brigade shall be elected as follows: The captain, commander and lieutenant-commander shall be elected by the ballots of the commissioned officers of the said naval brigade; lieutenants, lieutenant's junior grade and ensigns shall be elected by the ballots of the enlisted men of their respective divisions.

Ibid.

**13.** The election of the brigadier-general shall be ordered by the commander-in-chief; the election of field officers of regiments and officers of organizations unattached to regiments,