

tenants, lieutenants junior grade and ensigns shall be elected by the ballots of the enlisted men of their respective divisions.

SEC. 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, except the first naval battalion, shall be ordered by the brigade commander; the election of captains and lieutenants of the companies in the several regiments shall be ordered by the respective regimental commanders. The election of officers of the first naval battalion shall be as follows: the time, place and manner of holding said elections shall be determined by the commander-in-chief, when the office to be filled is that of commander; by the commander, if there be one, if not, by the commander-in-chief, when the office is lieutenant commander or lieutenant to act as navigator; by the commander or commanding officer for the election of any other commissioned officer of said battalion.

Elections,  
how ordered.

SEC. 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 persons 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 com-

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missions.

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