

SEC. 26. The first brigade already formed and organized out of the volunteer uniformed organizations now existing, together with such others as may be provided for by law, shall constitute a body of active militia, shall consist of not more than forty companies, infantry, cavalry and artillery, to contain not more than twenty-five hundred men, and shall be known as "The Maryland National Guard."

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SEC. 27. That "The Maryland National Guard," until otherwise provided by law, shall consist of the following organizations: The First Regiment, the Fourth Regiment, the Fifth Regiment, the Second Battalion and the three independent colored companies now organized; that the said three regiments may be maintained or increased to twelve companies each, either by the assignment of companies already existing or by enlisting new companies, when in the judgment of the commander-in-chief it may be necessary or desirable, provided the whole brigade shall not consist of more than forty (40) companies as aforesaid, and provided further that the commander-in-chief may, when he deems it advisable, change the formation of regiments and battalions so as to promote their efficiency; that the commander-in-chief may, when two or more companies in the same town shall be reduced below forty effectual enlisted men, or when in his judgment it may be best for the good of the service, consolidate them into one company, and order a new organization thereof, provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or impair the authority of the commander-in-chief, in his discretion, to muster out of service any inefficient company, as provided in section 41 (forty-one) of this article; that in addition to the infantry command of the State, the commander-in-chief may, whenever, in his judgment, the State appropriation shall justify the expenditure, and the efficiency of the service require it, authorize and direct the enlistment and formation of a company or troop of cavalry, and the enlistment and formation of a battery of artillery of two sections and four guns, the sections to be enlisted in the same town and county, or one section in one county and one in another, as the commander-in-chief may direct, each section to be commanded by such officers as the commander-in-chief may direct and commission, and the whole battery to be under the command of a captain, to be elected by the officers of the two sections; the kind and calibre of the guns shall be designated by the commander-in-chief, and he may, in his discretion, assign one or more of said guns or sections to such

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