

SEC. 33. Commissioned officers must be citizens of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards. No person who has been expelled or dishonorably discharged from any military organizations of any State shall be commissioned unless he has re-enlisted and served as provided in this chapter. No person shall be commissioned unless he shall possess the additional requirements herein prescribed for the particular office to which he is to be commissioned. A Brigadier General at the time of his election must be an officer in active service in the National Guard of this State, of the grade of Field Officer, or have been in active service in said National Guard as a Field Officer, or in the service of the Army or Marine Corps of the United States as a Field Officer. A Colonel of a regiment, at the time of his election, must either be an officer in active service in the National Guard of this State, or, if not in active service at the time of his election, must have had prior service of at least three years in the National Guard of this State, or in the Army or Marine Corps of the United States, or in all combined as commissioned officer. A Lieutenant Colonel and Major of the line at the time of his election must either be an officer in active service, and for two successive years immediately preceding his election must have been in active service in the National Guard of this or some other State as a commissioned officer; or, if not in active service at the time of his election, must have had prior service of at least three years in the National Guard of this or some other State, or in the Army or Marine Corps of the United States, or in all combined, as a commissioned officer. The Captain of the Naval Brigade shall have been an officer in the Naval Brigade, or has served as an officer in the United States Navy for at least three years.

SEC. 34. Before receiving a commission or being commissioned to a higher grade as a result of promotion, every officer must have passed a satisfactory examination before a board as to his knowledge of military affairs and general knowledge and fitness for the service, and any one failing to pass such an examination shall not be eligible for an office in the National Guard of the State, or for promotion for the period of one year from date of such failure, except upon the recommendation of the commanding officer of the regiment or separate organization when another examination may be ordered. The Brigadier General is exempt from examination.

SEC. 35. Boards of examination, provided for in the preceding section, shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, or caused by him to be appointed by the Commanding Officer of the First Brigade of not less than three officers, including at least one Field Officer from each Regiment, and shall inquire