

perform such duties as pertain to the Adjutant General and the other chiefs of staff departments, under the regulations and customs of the United States Army. He will superintend the preparation of all returns and reports required by the United States from the State, and will perform all the duties prescribed for him by the laws of this State and of the United States. (a) He shall keep a register of all the officers of the militia of the State, and keep in his office all records and papers required to be kept and filed therein, and make a report as of the 30th of September in each year, within fifteen days thereafter, to the Governor, including a detailed statement of all the receipts and expenditures for military purposes during the year. (b) The seal now used in the office of the Adjutant General shall be the seal of his office and shall be delivered by him to his successor. (c) The Adjutant General may have one Assistant to the Adjutant General, whose salary shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and the said sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose annually, and the Comptroller is hereby directed to draw his warrant on the Treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay the same in equal monthly instalments; and the necessary clerks and employees, not exceeding four, and as many laborers as may be required from time to time. He shall be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Adjutant General. The clerks and employees shall be appointed and the laborers hired by the Adjutant General. The Assistant to the Adjutant General shall aid the Adjutant General by the performance of such duties as may be assigned to him, and shall, in case of absence or inability of the Adjutant General, perform all or such portion of the duties of the Adjutant General as the Governor or Adjutant General may expressly and lawfully delegate to him. (d) All battle flags turned over to the Governor shall be under the care and custody of the Adjutant General.

XXXIX. Any man who is a citizen of the United States, or has declared his intention to become a citizen, if more than eighteen and not over forty-five years of age, able-bodied, of good character and temperate habits, may be enlisted in the National Guard of this State, under the restrictions of this Article, for a term of not less than three years, except that men may be enlisted as musicians if more than sixteen years