

tion, in the department, corps or branch of the service in which they have been elected, or appointed, but no one shall receive a permanent commission unless the provisions of Sections 22 and 23 of this Article have been first complied with.

SEC. 22. Before receiving a permanent commission or being permanently commissioned to a higher grade as a result of promotion every officer below the grade of major must have passed a satisfactory examination before a board as to his fitness for service. All officers will be required to take a physical examination before receiving their permanent commissions.

SEC. 23. Boards of examination shall be appointed by the Governor as Commander-in-Chief, or caused to be appointed by the commanding officer of the first brigade, and the commanding officer of the naval brigade, as the case may be, and the said boards shall consist of not less than three officers for officers of the line and for officers of the departments or corps the board shall consist of three officers, at least one of whom shall be of the department or corps for which the candidate is to be examined. These boards shall inquire into the military, moral qualifications, the general capacity and efficiency of any officer holding a probationary, or permanent, commission, or who may have been elected, or appointed for commission in the Maryland National Guard; and said boards shall have power to take evidence, administer oaths and compel witnesses to attend and testify and produce books and papers, and punish those failing to do so, as is possessed by a general court-martial. The said boards shall convene at the headquarters of the first brigade, or naval brigade, as the case may be, at such times as may be directed by the convening authority. At least two weeks' notice of the date of the sitting shall be given all officers ordered to appear for examination. Within twenty days after each examination said boards shall make a detailed report of their results to the Governor as Commander-in-Chief, who shall thereupon revoke the commissions of all officers who have previously been commissioned on probation failing to appear, and of those failing to pass an examination satisfactory to said board, and any one failing to pass such an examination shall not be eligible for a commission in the National Guard of this State, or for promotion therein, for the period of one year from the date of such failure except upon the recommendation of the commanding officer of the regiment, or separate organization, as the case may be. The Governor as Commander-in-Chief may allow an examination to any officer who shall give him a satis-