

countersigned by the Chairman of said Committee, or some member thereof acting as Chairman; said acting Chairman shall be duly authorized to act by resolution of said committee which must be first placed upon the minutes of the committee.

Approved March 3d, 1916.

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT authorizing the appointment of a Special Board or Commission to report upon the practicability of providing Military Education and of creating a Military Reserve.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a commission of nine, consisting of the Adjutant General and two officers of the Militia, of three persons, members of Veteran Organizations, and of three persons not members of the Militia or of Veteran Organizations, all to be appointed by the Governor within two weeks after the passage of this Act, shall constitute a Board or Commission to inquire into and report upon the following matters:

(1) The practicability of providing military education for boys between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one years for the purpose of securing a proper military training and discipline for the youths of this State and improving their physical, moral and mental qualities and for providing for the State an adequate basis for a citizen soldiery.

(2) The practicability of providing military training for youths in the public schools.

(3) The advisability of requiring of all male persons owing allegiance to the State of Maryland and physically fit for Military Service, or of certain classes or categories of such persons, a limited period of such service, through enrolment in the organized militia forces of this State.

(4) The practicability of creating a Military Reserve in this State, including:

A. The keeping of records by the State authorities of all enlisted soldiers, sailors and marines who were or may be engaged in the Military or Naval service of the United States, having been discharged therefrom and who reside in Maryland, and of all honorably discharged members of the Militia, with their names and addresses and such other information as may be obtainable by the Adjutant General.