

amendments Sections 58B and 58E of said Article as enacted by Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1941, to provide for the removal of age restrictions for enlistment and retirement in the organized militia of the State, and for change in the period of enlistment therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 56 of Article 65 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Militia" be repealed, and that Sections 1, 20, and 24 of said Article be repealed and re-enacted with amendments; and that Sections 58B and 58E of said Article as enacted by Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1941 be repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

1. All able-bodied male citizens of the State and all able-bodied males of foreign birth, who have declared their intentions to become citizens of the State, and who are residents therein, shall constitute the militia, subject to the following exemptions: (a) persons exempted by the laws of the United States; (b) persons exempted by the laws of Maryland; (c) the members of any regularly organized fire or police department in any city, village or town; (d) judges and clerks of courts of record, registers of wills and deeds, sheriffs, ministers of the Gospel, members of religious communities, ecclesiastical students in the various seminaries and schools of divinity, practicing physicians, superintendents, officers and assistants of hospitals, prisons and jail; all persons actually employed as teachers in any established school, college, or university; lighthouse keepers, conductors and engineers of railways, seamen actually employed as such; (e) idiots, lunatics, paupers, vagabonds, confirmed drunkards, persons addicted to the use of narcotic drugs, and persons convicted of infamous crimes; all such exempted persons, except those enumerated in sub-divisions (a) and (e), shall be available for military duty in case of war, insurrection, invasion or imminent danger thereof.

20. All officers shall be appointed and commissioned by the Governor and shall not be recognized as such under any of the provisions of this Article unless they shall have been selected from the following classes and shall have taken and subscribed to the oath of office prescribed in the preceding section of this Article; officers or enlisted men of the National Guard; officers, active or retired, reserve officers, and former officers of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps; enlisted men and former enlisted men of the Army, Navy or Marine Corps who have received an honorable