

Companies shall be designated by the numbers One, Two, Three, Four and Five, and shall consist respectively of not less than thirty men, nor more than sixty-four men, rank and file, and that the members of each Company, shall have power to elect one captain, a first lieutenant, and the commanding officer of the battalion shall appoint a second and third lieutenants, when in his judgment such additional officers shall be required; and when two Companies shall have been duly organised, they shall have power to elect a major, and when four Companies shall be so formed, they shall have power to elect a lieutenant colonel; all of the above mentioned officers shall be elected, commissioned and qualified, as officers of like grades, in the volunteer militia of the State, and at any meeting or at any parade of said battalion, the senior officer present shall have command or preside.

Entitled to a staff.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Commander of said battalion, shall be entitled to have a staff, consisting of an adjutant, a quarter master, a pay master, and a surgeon, who shall rank as officers of the like grade in the United States Army, and shall be duly commissioned by the Governor of the State.

Independent of other military organizations.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That said battalion, shall be separate from and independent of any and all other military organizations, or commands whatever, in the State, and shall be subject solely to the direct call of the regularly constituted civil authorities, for the suppression of insurrection or riot, the repelling of invasion, or the enforcement of the execution of the laws, according to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State.

Certain days to be fixed for parades.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That said battalion, immediately upon its organization, shall fix certain days, not less than four in number, upon which in each and every year, and at such hours and places as may be specified, it shall meet for parade and military exercises; which day, place or places and hours, the battalion may change from time to time, provided the number of days be not less than four in each year; and each Company of said battalion shall make such parades, with not less than thirty men, rank and file, shall be enti-

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