

ARTICLE LXIII.

Militia.

Chapter 284 repeals this Article and sections 652 to 770 of Article IV. of Public Local Laws, so far as inconsistent therewith, and enacts as follows, (I. Supplement, 55.)

SEC. 1. The Governor, as commander-in-chief, is hereby authorized to enroll and organize the militia of this State into companies, regiments, and brigades, and by general and special orders to make such rules and regulations for their control, discipline, armament and equipment, as may be constitutional and necessary, which rules and regulations shall as far as practicable, conform to the laws and regulations governing the organization of the United State volunteer forces, their discipline, equipment, armament and officers; and which rules and regulations shall have the force of law.

2. All able bodied white male citizens of this State between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, and not exempt by the laws of the United States (excepting however all persons in the army or navy of the United States) shall be subject to military duty.

3. The rolls of the militia prepared by commissioners appointed by the Governor in the several counties and Baltimore city under the order of the War Department for the draft of eighteen hundred and six-two, shall be taken and considered to be the rolls of the militia of the State under this act until a new enrollment shall be ordered by the Governor, but the Governor may prescribe any rules in his judgment necessary to exclude disloyal persons from bearing arms.

4. The staff of the militia of this State shall consist of one adjutant general with the rank of brigadier general, who until otherwise ordered by the Governor, shall act as paymaster general, inspector general, and judge advocate general, one commissary general, one quartermaster general, and one surgeon general, each with the rank of colonel; all of whom shall be