

authority of sheriffs, and deputy sheriffs, in enforcing the laws of this State, and they may co-operate with the civil authorities, or take entire charge of the situation as in the judgment of the commanding officer the exigencies of the case may require.

8. The staff of the Governor shall consist of the Adjutant General and not more than ten aids. The Adjutant General shall be appointed by the Governor. He shall have the grade of Brigadier-General and his salary shall be as stated in the annual budget.

The aides will be selected by the Governor from the commissioned officers of the National Guard and National Guard Reserve, each of them may receive a commission as aide, which, however, shall not add to the actual grade of the officer so appointed, nor shall such officer be relieved from duty with his proper organization but shall perform all duty pertaining thereto except when actually on duty as aide under the orders of the Governor.

All appointments as aides shall be held at the pleasure of the Governor and shall expire by limitation at the expiration of his term of service.

9. The Ranking Line Officer shall be on active duty status and his salary shall be as determined by the budget, but shall not receive more than the base pay of a Brigadier-General of the Regular Army; and provided, that should the Ranking Line Officer be appointed the Adjutant General he shall receive only the salary provided by law for the Ranking Line Officer; provided, further, that should the Ranking Line Officer be called or drafted under the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Governor shall have the power to designate during such period an acting Ranking Line Officer, who will exercise all the duties of the office.

The Ranking Line Officer shall be in control of the military department of the State, and subordinate only to the Governor in matters pertaining to said department. He shall keep in his office all records and papers required to be kept and filed therein, and make as of the 30th of September in each year, within fifteen days thereafter, to the Governor, a detailed statement of all the receipts and expenditures for military purposes during the year.

He shall be charged with the care, control and maintenance of all armories, owned by the State of Maryland, and all