

HOUSE No. 2221

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 20, 1912.

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 487) of Frederick J. Needham and others, for legislation relative to the organization of the Massachusetts volunteer militia, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

GEORGE W. W. EDSON.

Messrs. DENNY of the Senate, and HOLT of Springfield and LESLIE of Quincy, of the House, dissent.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 24, 1912.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill to revise the organization of the Massachusetts volunteer militia, report that the same ought to pass, with an amendment striking out the words "and the term of office of the adjutant general shall be five years from the passage of this act and he shall be eligible for reappointment."

For the committee,

THOMAS W. WHITE.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

To revise the Organization of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter six hundred and four of the acts of the year
2 nineteen hundred and eight is hereby amended by striking
3 out section twelve and section twenty and inserting in
4 place thereof the following:

5 *Section 12.* The personal staff of the commander-in-
6 chief shall consist of:

2 aides-de-camp, each with rank not higher than captain;
8 aides-de-camp, to be detailed from the commissioned officers of the
Massachusetts volunteer militia, but not to be relieved from duty
with their organizations while serving in this capacity.

7 In time of war the commander-in-chief may appoint such
8 additional staff officers as the service may require, with
9 such rank, not higher than that of colonel, as he may desig-
10 nate. The above aides-de-camp, except those detailed,
11 shall be commissioned and hold office until their successors
12 are appointed and qualified, but they may be removed at
13 any time by the commander-in-chief. This act shall not
14 affect the rank or position of the present appointed aides.

15 The military and administrative staff of the commander-
16 in-chief shall consist of: —

The adjutant general, with the rank of brigadier general, who shall, *ex officio*, be chief of staff, such officers of the United States army or navy as may be detailed as assistant chiefs of staff, together with the chiefs of the inspector general's department, judge advocate general's department, quartermaster's department, subsistence department, pay department, medical department and ordnance department.

17 No person shall be eligible to appointment or detail as
18 an aide on the personal staff of the commander-in chief or
19 on the military and administrative staff of the commander-
20 in-chief unless he has served six years in the volunteer
21 militia of the commonwealth at least two years of which
22 shall have been as a commissioned officer or unless he is in
23 the active service of the United States army or navy.

24 The terms of office of the chiefs of the above named
25 departments shall be five years, as provided in chapter four
26 hundred and forty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen
27 hundred and eleven (and the term of office of the adjutant
28 general shall be five years from the passage of this act and
29 he shall be eligible for reappointment.)

PRESENT ORGANIZATION.

30 *Section 20.* The adjutant general's department shall
31 consist of: —

The adjutant general, chief of staff;

1 adjutant general, with the rank of lieutenant colonel;

2 adjutants general, with the rank of major.

32 The inspector general's department shall consist of: —

1 inspector general, chief of the department;

Not over 6 inspectors general with the rank of lieutenant colonel or equivalent naval ranks;

Not over 2 inspectors general, with the rank of major.

Such other inspectors as may be detailed from the active or reserve list of the volunteer militia.

33 The judge advocate general's department shall consist
34 of: —

- 1 judge advocate general, chief of the department;
- 2 judge advocates, with the rank of major.

35 The quartermaster's department shall consist of: —

- 1 quartermaster general, chief of the department;
- 1 deputy quartermaster general, with the rank of lieutenant colonel;
- 3 quartermasters, with the rank of major;
- 2 quartermasters, with the rank of captain; and not over 10 post quartermaster sergeants and such additional post quartermaster sergeants as may be appointed by the commander-in-chief from the armorers and assistant armorers of state armories.

36 The subsistence department shall consist of: —

- 1 commissary general, chief of the department;
- 2 commissaries, with the rank of major;
- Not over 4 post commissary sergeants.

37 The pay department shall consist of: —

- 1 paymaster general, chief of the department;
- Not over 10 paymasters, with the rank of captain.

38 The medical department shall consist of: —

- 1 surgeon general, chief of the department, whose rank after the present incumbent has died, retired or resigned shall not be higher than colonel.

39 The medical corps shall consist of: —

- Not over 11 majors;
- Not over 10 captains;
- Not over 23 first lieutenants and a hospital corps.

40 The hospital corps shall consist of: —

- Not over 11 sergeants, first class;
- Not over 30 sergeants;
- Not over 148 privates, first class, and privates.
- For purpose of pay for rendezvous drills, these may be divided into companies and detachments.

41 The ordnance department shall consist of: —

1 chief of ordnance;	Not over 4 first lieutenants.
Not over 2 majors;	Not over 1 ordnance sergeant.
Not over 6 captains;	

Any departmental officer may be detailed from the line.

42 The corps of engineers shall consist of: —

1 major, acting chief of engineers;
1 captain.

43 The signal corps shall consist of: —

1 captain;	2 cooks;
3 first lieutenants;	18 privates, first class;
5 sergeants, first class;	18 privates;
5 sergeants;	—
10 corporals;	58 total enlisted.

44 The coast artillery corps shall consist of: —

1 colonel, chief of coast artillery;	12 engineers;
1 lieutenant colonel;	6 electrician sergeants, first class;
3 majors;	6 electrician sergeants, second class;
4 captains;	3 master gunners;
3 first lieutenants;	3 sergeants major, junior grade;
3 second lieutenants;	12 firemen, — a band of 28 total enlisted;
1 chaplain;	12 companies of coast artillery.
1 sergeant major, senior grade;	
2 master electricians;	

The coast artillery corps shall be considered a regiment in all matters of administration and law, unless especially excepted in law or orders.

The colonel, lieutenant colonel and majors shall be elected by the officers of the companies, as vacancies occur, under elections ordered by the commander-in-chief. The captains, first lieutenants, second lieutenants and chaplain of the corps, and corps noncommissioned officers and enlisted men, shall be appointed, warranted or enlisted by the chief of coast artillery. Company officers shall be elected as prescribed by law for companies.

45 A coast artillery corps band shall consist of:—

1 chief musician;	8 corporals;
1 chief trumpeter;	1 cook;
1 principal musician;	11 privates;
1 drum major;	—
4 sergeants;	28 total enlisted.

46 A coast artillery corps company shall consist of:—

1 captain;	1 first sergeant;
1 first lieutenant;	1 quartermaster sergeant.
1 second lieutenant;	

and such number and grades of enlisted men as may be prescribed by the commander-in-chief as in his judgment the best interest of the service may require; provided that no company is decreased below the minimum or increased beyond the maximum prescribed for such a company by the war department.

The minimum enlisted strength shall be forty-one.

47 To each brigade of infantry there shall be:—

1 brigadier general; his staff shall consist of 2 aides-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant.

The brigade commander may detail from the troops under his command such number of noncommissioned officers and enlisted men as may be necessary to act as noncommissioned staff, clerks, orderlies, and the like. All officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted men attached to brigade headquarters are entitled to be mounted. A brigade shall contain two or three regiments.

48 To each regiment of infantry there shall be:—

1 colonel;	1 chaplain;
1 lieutenant colonel;	1 sergeant major;
3 majors; and a staff consisting of:—	1 quartermaster sergeant;
1 captain, regimental adjutant;	1 commissary sergeant;
1 captain, quartermaster;	3 battalion sergeants, major;
1 captain, commissary;	2 color sergeants, — a band of
3 first lieutenants, battalion adjutants;	28 total enlisted; and
3 second lieutenants, battalion quartermasters and commissaries;	12 companies of infantry.

49 An infantry band shall consist of:—

1 chief musician;	1 cook;
1 principal musician;	12 privates;
1 drum major;	—
4 sergeants;	28 total enlisted.
8 corporals;	

50 An infantry company shall consist of:—

1 captain;	2 cooks;
1 first lieutenant;	1 artificer;
1 second lieutenant;	2 musicians;
1 first sergeant;	43 privates;
1 quartermaster sergeant;	—
4 sergeants;	60 total enlisted.
6 corporals;	

The minimum enlisted strength shall be forty-one.

51 The squadron of cavalry shall consist of:—

1 major; and a staff consisting of:—	1 veterinarian;
1 first lieutenant, squadron adjutant;	1 sergeant major; and 4 troops of cavalry.
1 second lieutenant, squadron quartermaster and commissary;	

52 A troop of cavalry shall consist of:—

1 captain;	2 farriers and blacksmiths;
1 first lieutenant;	1 saddler;
1 second lieutenant;	1 wagoner;
1 first sergeant;	2 trumpeters;
1 quartermaster sergeant;	43 privates;
6 sergeants;	—
6 corporals;	65 total enlisted.
2 cooks;	

The minimum enlisted strength shall be forty-three.

53 The battalion of field artillery shall consist of: —

1 major; and a staff consisting of: —	1 quartermaster sergeant;
1 captain, battalion adjutant;	1 musician for the battalion commander;
1 second lieutenant, battalion quartermaster and commissary;	2 privates for the battalion commander's reel and instruments;
1 veterinarian;	2 mounted orderlies; and
1 sergeant major;	3 batteries of field artillery.

54 A battery of field artillery shall consist of: —

1 captain;	3 cooks;
2 first lieutenants;	1 chief mechanic;
2 second lieutenants;	4 mechanics;
1 first sergeant;	2 musicians;
1 quartermaster sergeant;	102 privates;
1 stable sergeant;	—
6 sergeants;	133 total enlisted.
12 corporals;	

The minimum enlisted strength shall be ninety.

The foregoing shall be the organization for a battery armed with six sections of the three-inch gun battery. Batteries which have only received five sections shall not enlist more than one hundred and twelve, total enlisted, including five sergeants, ten corporals, two cooks and eighty-five privates, and a minimum enlisted strength of eighty, until the sixth section has been received.

55 To each corps of cadets there shall be: —

1 lieutenant colonel;	1 corps sergeant major; and in each so-called company or subdivision: —
1 major; and a staff consisting of: —	1 first sergeant;
1 first lieutenant, corps adjutant;	1 quartermaster sergeant;
1 second lieutenant, corps quartermaster and commissary and, in addition thereto: —	6 sergeants;
4 captains;	6 corporals;
4 first lieutenants;	2 cooks;
4 second lieutenants; a noncommissioned staff consisting of: —	1 artificer;
	2 musicians;
	61 privates;
	—
	80 total enlisted.

The commander-in-chief may by order attach officers and enlisted men of staff departments and corps to brigades, regiments, battalions and other organizations for duty therewith, and shall so detail such officers and enlisted men as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of United States laws concerning the militia. He shall detail a quartermaster with the rank of captain to act as superintendent of the state arsenal. He shall form, from the hospital corps, an ambulance company section, to be instructed and drilled as such.

The officers of the ordnance department shall act as inspectors of small arms practice, and shall be detailed by the commander-in-chief to such organizations as he deems advisable for that duty. The chief of ordnance shall perform all the duties required by law of, and shall act as, the inspector general of small arms practice, and the officers of the ordnance department on duty with organizations shall have and perform all the rights, duties and obligations conferred or imposed by law upon inspectors of small arms practice.

The inspector general of small arms practice, under the direction of the adjutant general, shall be charged with the care and control of all state rifle ranges and with the supervision of all other ranges provided for the small arms practice of the militia, and shall supervise the expenditure of such public funds as may be appropriated by the commonwealth for the promotion of small arms practice

