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The New Militia Bill.

An Act for the Organization, Discipline and Regulation of the Militia of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Approved May 4, 1864.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That every able-bodied white male citizen, resident within this State of the age of twenty-one years and under the age of forty-five years, excepting persons enlisted in volunteer companies, persons exempted by the following sections, idiots, lunatics, common drunkards, vagabonds, paupers and persons convicted of any infamous crime, shall be enrolled in the militia; persons so convicted after enrollment, shall be forthwith disenrolled, and in all cases of doubt, respecting the age of a person enrolled, the burden of proof shall be upon him.

deponent (or deponents) can ascertain, a correct roll of all persons residing in said district, who are liable to be enrolled. The said assessor shall be taken before any officer authorized by law to take affidavits, whose duty it shall be to take the same without fee or reward. The said assessor or assessors shall then deliver said roll to the county commissioners at their next meeting and it shall be called the military roll of said district; and also one copy of the brigade inspector of the proper brigade.

Section 10. The active militia shall be composed of volunteers; and in case of war, invasion, the prevention of invasion, the suppression of riots, and to aid civil officers in the execution of the laws of the Commonwealth, shall first be ordered into service.

Section 11. Each county in this Commonwealth shall be a separate brigade, and shall be numbered in the divisions to which they severally belong by the brigade-inspectors and brigadier-generals: Provided, That any county or counties, not having the minimum number of enrolled militia necessary to constitute a brigade, shall be consolidated with other counties at the direction of the Commander-in-Chief. And Provided, That the city of Philadelphia shall be divided into four brigades, and the city of Pittsburgh shall constitute one city.

Section 12. The volunteer and enrolled militia of this Commonwealth shall be divided into twenty divisions, as follows: First division, Philadelphia. Second division, Bucks, Montgomery, and Delaware. Third division, Chester and Lancaster. Fourth division, York and Adams. Fifth division, Berks, Lebanon, and Dauphin.

Section 13. The military officers of the State shall be chosen as follows: Major Generals by the commander-in-chief, with the consent of the Senate; Brigadier Generals by the written or printed votes of the field officers of the respective brigades and commanders of brigade companies.

Section 14. Non-commissioned officers and soldiers of volunteer companies shall be chosen as follows: One captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, one quartermaster sergeant, one commissary sergeant, five sergeants, eight corporals, two trumpeters, two fiddlers (or black snufflers, one saddler, one wagoner, and six privates (minimum) seventy-eight privates (maximum).