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Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes under the heading "The Military Law, Section 4, provides that: "All male citizens who are more than eighteen and less than forty-five years of age, excepting idiots, lunatics, paupers, vagabonds, habitual drunkards, and persons convicted of infamous crimes, and who are resident in this state, shall, whenever the governor may deem necessary, be enrolled by the assessors in the several cities, towns, and plantations in which they reside, in such manner and according to such regulations as the governor shall prescribe." etc.

Section 7 of said Chapter provides that: "The governor is the constitutional commander-in-chief of the militia, except of such portions as may be at times in the service of the United States."

Section 10 of said Chapter, provides that: "Whenever it shall be necessary to call into active service the unorganized militia, or any part thereof, the governor shall direct his order to the chief municipal officer of any city, town, or plantation, who, upon receipt of the same, shall proceed to draft by lot as many of the unorganized militia or accept as many volunteers as are required by the governor, and shall forthwith forward to the adjutant-general a list of the persons so drafted or accepted as volunteers."

Enclosed is an abstract of Section 3, Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes with reference to aliens. Reference is also made to the Proclamations used in 1917 and 1918.

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