

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 50.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE.

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty, relating to the Militia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section twenty-three of chapter two hundred 2 and twenty-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred 3 and eighty, is hereby amended, so that said section 4 twenty-three shall read as follows:

‘SECT. 23. On a peace footing, each troop of cavalry, 6 company of infantry, or heavy artillery, shall be limited 7 to “fifty-four” enlisted men; and each platoon of a light 8 battery to “forty” enlisted men; but, in actual service, 9 when the exigency of the case requires it, the commander- 10 in-chief may, by proclamation, authorize enlistments to 11 the maximum standard of similar organizations in the

12 army of the United States ; and when the exigency ceases,
13 he shall, by proclamation, order the reduction of such
14 organizations in the most expedient way to the limit on a
15 peace footing.’

SECT. 2. Section twenty-nine of chapter two hundred
2 and twenty-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred
3 and eighty, is hereby amended so that section twenty-nine
4 shall read as follows :

‘SECT. 29. Every non-commissioned officer and private
6 enlisted into the Maine volunteer militia, shall be held to
7 duty therein for the term of “three” years unless
8 disability after enlistment shall incapacitate him to
9 perform such duty, and he shall be regularly discharged
10 in consequence thereof, by the proper authority. The
11 commander of a regiment may, upon the written
12 application of the commander of a company in his regi-
13 ment, accompanied by a request in writing, signed by a
14 non-commissioned officer or private, discharge such non-
15 commissioned officer or private from the company ; and
16 the commander of a battery or separate company may,
17 upon an application in writing, signed by a member
18 thereof, discharge such member ; provided, however,
19 that the commander-in-chief may, for sufficient reasons
20 and in his discretion, discharge enlisted men at any time.’

SECT. 3. Section forty-five of chapter two hundred and
2 twenty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and
3 eighty, is hereby amended, so that said section shall read
4 as follows :

‘SECT. 45. To each brigade there shall be one brigadier
6 general, one assistant adjutant general, one brigade in-
7 spector, one surgeon who shall be medical director of the
8 brigade, and one inspector of rifle practice, each with the

9 rank of major; one quartermaster, one commissary and
10 one aid-de-camp, each with the rank of captain, and one
11 aid-de-camp with the rank of first lieutenant. Also a
12 non-commissioned staff, as follows: One quartermaster
13 sergeant, one commissary sergeant, one hospital steward
14 and one bugler.'

SECT. 4. Section forty-six of chapter two hundred and
2 twenty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and
3 eighty, is hereby amended, so that said section shall read
4 as follows:

'SECT. 46. To each regiment of infantry there shall be
6 one colonel, one lieutenant colonel and one major; "one
7 chaplain;" one adjutant and one quartermaster, each with
8 rank of first lieutenant; one surgeon with rank of major;
9 "one assistant surgeon" with the rank of first lieutenant;
10 one sergeant major, one quartermaster sergeant, one com-
11 missary sergeant, one hospital steward, and two principal
12 musicians, and not less than eight nor more than ten com-
13 panies; each company to consist of one captain, one first
14 lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, four
15 sergeants, six corporals, two musicians, one wagoner and
16 not less than forty nor more than sixty privates.'

SECT. 5. Section one hundred and five of chapter two
2 hundred and twenty-five of the Public Laws of eighteen
3 hundred and eighty, is hereby amended, so that said sec-
4 tion shall read as follows:

'SECT. 105. To each member of regimental bands there
2 shall be paid as compensation for services, when ordered
3 out by the regimental commander to do duty, the sum of
4 "three" dollars per day.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
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