

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 127

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THREE.

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AN ACT to amend chapter forty-six of the Public Laws of  
eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, establishing a Naval Re-  
serve as a part of the National Guard of the State of Maine.

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

Section 1. Section one of said act is hereby amended by  
2 striking out the word "battalion" in the fifth line thereof and  
3 the words which follow, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 words 'ship's company'; so that said section, as amended,  
5 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 1. There may be allowed, in addition to the National  
7 guard of the State of Maine as provided in section twenty-  
8 six, chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the laws of eighteen  
9 hundred and ninety-three, a naval reserve, to consist in time  
10 of peace of not more than one ship's company.'

Sect. 2. Section three of said act is hereby amended by 2 striking out the words "battalion may" in the first line there- 3 of, and inserting in place thereof the words 'ship's company 4 shall', by striking out the words "four" and "an engineer 5 division" in the second line thereof, and inserting in place of 6 the former the word 'eight', and by adding to said section the 7 words 'in time of war, insurrection, invasion, or imminent dan- 8 ger thereof of not more than sixteen divisions'; so that said 9 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. In time of peace the authorized ship's company 11 shall consist of not more than eight divisions and in time of 12 war, insurrection, invasion, or imminent danger thereof, of 13 not more than sixteen divisions.'

Sect. 3. Section four of said act is hereby stricken out, and 2 in place thereof the following section is substituted:

'Sect. 4. The ship's company shall be commanded by a 4 lieutenant. There shall be allowed on the staff of the com- 5 manding officer of the ship's company, one lieutenant, junior 6 grade, who shall act as executive officer and adjutant, and 7 one assistant surgeon of the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. 8 In addition there shall be on the staff of the commanding 9 officer two chief petty officers of such class as he may desig- 10 nate. Each division shall be commanded by an ensign, ex- 11 cepting that the senior division officer may be commissioned 12 with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. To each division there 13 shall be allowed, in time of peace, one chief petty officer of 14 such class as the commanding officer of the ship's company 15 may designate and not more than six petty officers and 16 twenty-four enlisted men.'

Sect. 4. Section five is hereby stricken out and the follow- 2 ing section substituted in place thereof:

'Sect. 5. Two divisions shall be considered the equivalent 4 of one company of infantry excepting as is herein provided. 5 To the commanding officer of the ship's company there shall

6 be allowed the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum for the  
7 care and custody of such government property as he may be  
8 responsible for; to each division commander there shall be  
9 allowed the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum for the care  
10 of state property and equipment for which he is accountable;  
11 to the executive officer or adjutant of the ship's company  
12 there shall be allowed the sum of ten dollars per annum. To  
13 each division there shall be allowed one clerk who shall re-  
14 ceive the sum of ten dollars per annum for his services.'

Sect. 5. Section six of said act is hereby amended by strik-  
2 ing out the word "the" in the seventh line, and inserting in  
3 place thereof the word 'two', and by striking out the words  
4 "of companies" in the eighth line, and inserting in place there-  
5 of the words 'a company'; so that said section as amended  
6 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 6. The system of administration and instruction of  
8 the Naval Reserves shall conform, as nearly as possible, to  
9 that of the navy of the United States. Duty shall be per-  
10 formed afloat when possible. When not otherwise provided  
11 for, the government of the naval reserve shall be according to  
12 the laws and regulations now or hereafter governing the  
13 national guard of the State. Two divisions of the naval  
14 reserve shall be considered the equivalent of a company of  
15 infantry.'

Sect. 6. Said act is hereby further amended by adding the  
2 following section thereto:

'Sect. 9. When the commissions now issued are vacated  
4 the lieutenant commanding the ship's company shall be elect-  
5 ed by the division commanders. The election of the division  
6 commanders shall be as prescribed for the election of com-  
7 pany officers.'

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 27, 1903.

Reported by Mr. MORRISON from Committee on Military Affairs, and  
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.