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§ 841. Composition

Such persons as may be enlisted or as may be appointed or commissioned therein shall constitute the Naval Militia of the State of Maine.

R.S.1954, **c.** 14, § 30.

§ 842. Organization and administration

The Commander in Chief may organize the forces prescribed in section 841 as he may deem proper. When in his judgment the efficiency of the naval militia will be increased thereby, or whenever public interest may demand it, he may alter, reorganize or disband any or all of the organizations therein. He shall have power at any time to change the organization of the naval militia so as to conform to any organization, or system of drill or instruction which may be adopted for the Navy of the United States, and to increase and decrease for that purpose the number of officers, warrant officers, chief petty officers, petty officers and enlisted men and to change their grades, titles and designations.

The system of administration, drill and instruction of the naval militia shall conform, as nearly as practicable, to that of the Navy of the United States. The discipline and government thereof when not otherwise prescribed shall be according to the laws and regulations now or hereafter governing the National Guard. No part of the naval militia shall be attached to any organization of the National Guard except when especially ordered by the Governor, in which case the senior officer present shall command the whole, unless the Commander in Chief shall direct otherwise.

R.S.1954, c. 14, § 31.

§ 843. Pay and allowances

The pay of personnel of the naval militia shall be the same as that of personnel of the same relative rank in the National

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Guard. The commanding officer of a battalion shall be allowed a sum not exceeding \$50 per year for the care and responsibility of state and United States property for which he may be accountable. Each company commander shall be allowed a sum not exceeding \$50 per year for the care and responsibility of public property for which he is accountable. The executive officer of a battalion, each company yeoman and the storekeeper of each company shall receive for their services a sum not exceeding \$25 per year.

R.S.1954, c. 14, § 32.

§ 844. Authority, privileges and qualifications of officers

Commissioned officers of the naval militia shall have the same authority, rights, privileges and qualifications, grade for grade, as commissioned officers in the National Guard, and, if not otherwise prescribed, shall be appointed in the same manner. The board of examination, in the case of the appointment of an officer of the naval militia, shall consist of at least one commissioned officer of the naval militia, active or retired.

R.S.1954, c. 14, § 33.