CHAPTER 183

NATIONAL GUARD

(H. B. No. 247, by Mr., Lake)

AN ACT

IN RELATION TO THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLO-RADO.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

Section 1. That the Governor shall be Commander-in-Chief of the organized militia except when called into the service of the United States, and he shall appoint the Adjutant General who shall be Chief of Staff; PROVIDED, That the Adjutant Gen- Adjutant General shall have served as a field or line officer in eral—apthe United States Army or National Guard and attained the rank of Major.

Section 2. The Adjutant General and all gen- Appointments eral, field and staff officers shall be appointed by the Governor. The Adjutant General and all officers shall be appointed as provided for in National Guard Regulations.

No staff officer, including officers of the Pay, Inspection, Subsistence and Medical Departments, appointed since the 25th day of May, 1917, shall continue to serve as an officer of the National Guard of this State under his present commission unless he shall have had previous military experience previous to the date of said commission.

Officers qualifications All officers hereafter appointed shall have had previous military experience and shall hold their positions until they shall have reached the age of sixty-four years, unless retired prior to that time by reason of resignation, disability, or for cause to be determined by a court martial or efficiency board, legally convened for that purpose, and that vacancies among said officers shall be filled by appointment from officers or members of the National Guard of the State of Colorado.

Officers-

Section 3. The compensation of all officers when on duty by order of the Governor shall be the same pay and allowances as is paid to officers of like grade in the Regular Army of the United States, including longevity pay for Federal and National Guard service, except commutation of heat, light and quarters. Provided, heat, light and quarters will be furnished when on field duty.

"Colorado National Guard"

Orders published to conform to U. S.

Section 4. The organized militia shall be designated the "Colorado National Guard." The Colorado National Guard shall consist of the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and such departments and staff corps and organizations as shall be prescribed by the War Department for the National Guard. It shall be the duty of the Governor, by and with the advice of the Military Board to make and publish such orders as may be necessary to conform said National Guard of Colorado in organization, armament and discipline to that prescribed for the Regular Army of the United States, subject to such general exceptions as may be authorized by the laws of the United States, and for this purpose the Governor may increase or decrease the number of officers and non-commissioned officers of any grade to the extent made necessary by changes authorized

by War Department Orders or National Guard Regulations.

Section 5. In order that this force may be maintained whenever it is below the maximum herein prescribed, vacancies may be filled upon the petition of a number of persons subject to military duty equal to the minimum required for the organization proposed; such petition shall be forwarded to the Adjutant General, who, if it appears to him that the proposed organization is properly composed, that its location is suitable and that it can be made efficient, shall refer the same to an officer designated by him for the purpose, who shall direct that the petitioners assemble at a convenient time, and then inspect them and receive them into the service with the approval of the Governor. In no case shall the mustering officer receive into the service of the State a less number of men than the minimum number required by the War Department to constitute the organization proposed; PROVIDED, That the Regulations Military Board shall make such regulations as it may deem necessary for the election of Company officers.

Vacancies guard.

Section 6. After the forming of an organization, recruits may be enlisted into the same and shall be required to sign their names to an enlistment contract to be furnished by the Adjutant General for that purpose and such signing shall be legal enlistment. Every commissioned officer shall be empowered to administer the oath required on enlistment. Oaths

point and com-

Section 7. All officers shall be appointed and Governor apcommissioned by the Governor in their respective commands upon the recommendation of the commanding officer thereof, provided that all officers will be appointed and commissioned as provided for

by War Department Orders or National Guard Regu-Officers elected or appointed at the organization of a company shall be notified by letter of their appointment by the Adjutant General, They shall be allowed a reasonable length of time from the date of such letter in which to prepare for an examination. Should any of these officers fail to pass the examination as provided for by War Department Orders or National Guard Regulations. they shall be reported as incompetent and shall not be commissioned, and the vacancy, or vacancies, shall be filled as provided above. PROVIDED, That the commission of each officer of the National Guard of Colorado, shall continue and remain in force and be subject to the same limitations as to tenure of office as the commissions of officers in the United States Army; PROVIDED, also that a letter of appointment shall have the force of a commission until the completion of the examination above provided for.

acancies among commissioned

officers

Examination

Proviso

Section 8. When a vacancy exists among the commissioned officers of any organization of the National Guard of Colorado, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 7.

ath and bond officer

Section 9. An officer thus elected or appointed shall within ten days of his appointment file his bond and shall take and subscribe to the oath as provided for in National Guard Regulations. The officer who administers this oath shall certify the facts and transmit the oath or affirmation properly sealed and attested to the Adjutant General, who shall file the same.

Filed with Adjutant

A commission signed by the Governor, and coun-Commission tersigned by the Adjutant General, under seal of the Adjutant General's Office shall then be issued to all

officers who have qualified as provided for in National Guard Regulations, to take rank from date of original appointment.

Section 10. The rank of all officers now in the Rank-date service or hereafter commissioned shall date from date of taking the oath of office.

Section 11. The resignation of officers shall be Resignation of addressed to the Governor and transmitted to the Adjutant General through the regular military channels, and all commanding officers before forwarding resignations shall endorse thereon their approval or disapproval, together with all facts bearing on the case; but an officer tendering his resignation shall not be considered out of the service until his resignation has been accepted. Upon the acceptance of Discharge Issued the resignation of a commissioned officer, the Adjutant General, upon the approval of the Governor. shall issue to such officer a discharge, showing the reason therefor, and the length of the term served, PROVIDED no officer will be discharged until his accountability is settled.

Section 12. An officer who absents himself from Absence of his command for three months without leave from leave his commanding officer, shall be considered as having vacated his office.

Section 13. The command of any military force Command of called into the service under the provisions of this act shall devolve upon the senior officer of such force, unless otherwise specifically ordered by the commander-in-chief.

Section 14. Active members of the National Exemptions Guard of Colorado, shall during their membership, be exempt from labor on the public highways and from service as jurors.

Discharged from jury duty, when

Section 15. Every person who shall have served members exempt for a period of five years as a member of the National Guard of Colorado and shall have been honorably discharged therefrom shall forever be exempt from involuntary jury duty in the State of Colorado.

Term of service

Section 16. Every enlisted man shall be held to service for such term of years as may be prescribed by War Department Orders or National Guard Regulations, unless he be properly discharged. the expiration of the service of any enlisted man, the commanding officer of his organization shall prepare a discharge on the blank furnished for that purpose, as provided for in War Department Orders or National Guard Regulations, in time for it to be delivered to the man on the day on which his term of service expires. The organization commander shall report to his unit commander on his monthly return all discharges.

Discharge

Discharges reported monthly

Re-enlistments

Section 17. All re-enlistments shall be for such term as may be prescribed by War Department Orders or National Guard Regulations.

Adjutant' General distribute orders

Section 18. The Adjutant General shall distribute all orders from the Commander-in-Chief; he shall be the organ of all communications from the National Guard to the Commander-in-Chief, and shall attend him whenever ordered in the performance of duty; he shall obey and issue such orders as the Commander-in-Chief shall give in relation to all military matters, and shall be entitled to the use of the coat of arms of the State as his seal of office. with the words added thereto: "State of Colorado. Adjutant General's Office." He shall annually make return in triplicate of all the National Guard of the State.

Section 19. The Adjutant General shall require bonds from all disbursing and distributing officers of his department and other officers in charge of public property for such amount as may be fixed by the State Military Board; which bonds when approved by the State Military Board shall be filed in the Adjutant General's Office. The premium on such bonds to be paid from military funds.

Bonds of disbursing and distributing officers

Where filed Premium how

paid

Section 20. The Quartermaster, by and with the advice and approval of the Military Board of the State of Colorado, is hereby authorized to purchase fuel, lights, stationery, books, etc., for the military service for the use of heads of departments and recruiting officers, and to rent, hire, purchase, take title to and hold in trust for the use of the State of Colorado, such buildings, lands, tenements, and their appurtenances as may be from time to time deemed necessary for use as armories for the National Guard of the State of Colorado. All such expenditures to be paid out of the military fund; PROVIDED, That all titles shall be taken in the name of the Governor of the State of Colorado for the use of the military department of the State of Colorado; PROVIDED, That the Military Board shall have full power and authority to sell, or otherwise dispose of, any or all property of the military department of the State of Colorado, that in their judgment should be sold or otherwise disposed of.

Purchase of

Titles, how taken

Disposal of

Section 21. Whenever, in the judgment of the State Military Board any real estate which has been acquired for military purposes shall be or shall become unsuitable for military purposes, the said Board shall have authority and is hereby authorized to sell, trade or otherwise dispose of such real estate; provided, that no such real estate shall be disposed of

Disposal of real estate Execution of

for less than the appraised value of the same, the appraisal to be made by a board of three appraisers to be appointed by the Governor. All conveyances which shall be required for the purposes of this Act, shall be executed by the Governor, under the seal of the State, and the proceeds of all sales, trades or other disposition, shall be placed in the military fund.

Employment of clerks and other force Section 22. The Adjutant General of the State of Colorado is hereby authorized to employ clerks and such other force as may be required for the Adjutant General's Office and other departments, and armories of the National Guard of Colorado, who shall be members of the National Guard; the Commanding Officer of each Department to make the recommendation for his respective Department; PROVIDED, That the pay of such clerks and other force shall be determined and fixed by the Military Board.

Compensation

State Military Board composition of

Prescribe regulations

Published

Approve requisitions and bills—payrolls

Section 23. The State Military Board shall consist of the Governor, the Adjutant General, the Quartermaster, the Judge Advocate and the senior line officer on the active list present for duty. shall prescribe such regulations not inconsistent with law as will increase the discipline and efficiency of the National Guard. These regulations as prepared by the Military Board and approved by the Governor shall be published in orders, and the Governor may, whenever in his judgment it is necessary, order said board to revise, and amend said regulations and to consider all other matters concerning the National Guard. Except as hereinafter provided, said Military Board shall first approve all requisitions made for purchases in excess of \$500.00, and when approved, shall submit the same to the Quartermaster

for purchase, who shall make all such purchases in the same manner as is provided for in Army Regulations. All bills and pay-rolls rendered to the Military Department of the State shall be approved by the Military Board, and when so approved, shall be submitted to the Quartermaster for payment. All payments to be made by youcher drawn upon the military fund of the State on such form as may be provided by the Auditor and Treasurer of the State of Colorado, provided, that each voucher shall show that the same has been approved by the Military Board; PROVIDED, That the Adjutant General shall attest the approval of the Board to such voucher.

Payments by

The duties of the Quartermaster, Section 24. as set forth in this Act, may be delegated to any of- quartermaster's ficers of the Quartermaster's Corps upon recommenddation of the Quartermaster, but such appointment shall not take effect until the appointment is approved by the Adjutant General.

Section 25. That in order to facilitate the payment of small accounts, the Military Board is hereby authorized to approve a voucher drawn to the order of the Quartermaster in any sum not exceeding Five Thousand (\$5000) Dollars, which said sum shall be deposited in a National Bank to the order of the Quartermaster, and which shall be subject to his check, and which said sum shall be used for the payment of small accounts, railroad tickets and other items necessitating cash payment, but not exceeding \$500.00, for which said sum the Quartermaster shall be held accountable to the Military Board; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in the time of emer- Emergency gency, the said Quartermaster shall with the approval of the Governor be authorized to draw such sums as may be required to meet the exigencies of

payment of small account

the occasion without formal approval of the Military Board.

Government of National Guard Section 26. That the National Guard of the State shall be governed by the military law of the State, the orders of the Governor, and by the laws, regulations and customs governing the United States Army.

Uniform and

Section 27. The uniform and equipment of all officers and enlisted men of the National Guard of Colorado shall be such uniform and equipment as may be prescribed for the National Guard in War Department Orders or National Guard Regulations.

Punishment for losing, etc., military property Section 28. Any soldier losing, destroying, mutilating or making away with any of the military property of the State or United States government thus furnished or any part thereof, shall be punished at the discretion of a court martial.

Unlawful wearing

Section 29. It shall be unlawful for any person not a member of the National Guard to wear any portion of the uniform prescribed for the National Guard of Colorado. Any person so offending shall, upon conviction before a justice of the peace, be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not more than twenty-five days.

Penalty

Section 30. There shall be organization drill at such times and place as may be prescribed by the Adjutant General in orders.

Encampments

Organization drill

Section 31. It shall be the duty of the Commander-in-Chief, to order an encampment of the National Guard to be held as provided in War Department Orders or National Guard Regulations. At least one month's notice of such encampment shall be given each organization commander by his commanding officer.

Notice

Section 32. During an encampment the commanding officer may fix certain bonds (bounds) not including any public road within which no spectator shall enter without leave, and whoever intrudes within such limits when forbidden to do so, or after entering with permission, conducts himself in a disorderly manner, or whoever resists a sentry or guard acting under orders to prevent such entry, or to prevent disorderly conduct, may be arrested by the commanding officer or by his order, and taken before a justice of the peace of the proper precinct, and upon conviction of the offense shall be fined not more than fifty dollars nor less than ten dollars and the Penalty costs of the prosecution and shall be committed until such costs and fine are paid.

Bounds of

disorderly conduct

Section 33. All officers and enlisted men when Rates of Pay serving under orders of the Governor, or of a Judge, Sheriff or Mayor, to prevent violation of the laws of the State, or to prevent or suppress riot, insurrection or to repel or prevent invasion, shall, until other provision shall be made, receive pay out of the general fund of the State at the following rates: officers and enlisted men shall receive the same pay and allowances as is paid to officers and enlisted men of the United States Army of like grade, including longevity pay for both Federal and State service; PROVIDED, That all enlisted men shall receive an additional one dollar per day for the first twenty days' service while on such duty.

Section 34. The military courts of this State shall consist of the same courts as is provided for the United States Army, and such courts shall be convened, conducted and have the same jurisdiction as is prescribed for the United States Army, subject, however, to such limitations as may be prescribed

by Congress for the National Guard not in the service of the United States.

Warrants and other process

Section 35. All warrants and other process issued by the Commander-in-Chief or the Adjutant General, or by their order, and any process or warrants issued by the presiding officer of any courtsmartial, or other courts, shall be served by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of the County wherein said court is convened, or it may be served by any officer of the National Guard when so ordered to do so by the Commander-in-Chief, or by any peace officer of the State.

Ordered into service of U. S.

Section 36. The National Guard of this State may be ordered into the service of the United States by the President of the United States for any purpose for which he is authorized to use militia of the states by the constitution and statutes of the United States.

Use to repel and suppress riots, invasion or insurrection

Section 37. When riots, invasion, or insurrection in the State is made or threatened the Governor shall order the National Guard to repel or suppress the same: PROVIDED, That when the emergency is great and time will not permit of communication with the Governor the Commanding Officer of any portion of the National Guard stationed at the scene of trouble may assemble his command and after taking steps to notify the Governor in the most speedy manner possible, aid the civil officers in suppressing riots or insurrection, or repelling invasion.

force and violence to break and resist the laws of the

Emergency steps

Secton 38. When there is in any town, city or county a tumult, riot, mob or body of men, acting together by force with attempt to commit a felony or to offer violence to persons or property, or by

Tumult, riot, moh

State, or when such tumult, riot or mob is threatened and the fact is made to appear to the Governor, he may issue his order, or such sheriff or mayor may issue a call directed to any commanding officer of any portion of the National Guard within the limits of their jurisdiction, directing him to order his command to appear at a time and place designated, to aid the civil authority to suppress such violence and to support the law.

Section 39. The officer to whom the order or call officer order is directed shall forthwith order the troops therein assemble mentioned to assemble at the time and place appointed and if he neglect or refuse to obey, or if any officer refuses or neglects to obey any such order Refusai to issued in pursuance of any such call he shall be tried by a court-martial and, if found guilty, be fined not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceed. ing six months, or both, at the discretion of a courtsmartial, and be dismissed from the service; or, a person who advises or endeavors to persuade an of- Persuading ficer or soldier to refuse or neglect to appear at such place, or to obey such order, shall on conviction thereof by the county court be imprisoned not to exceed six months or fined not to exceed one Penalty thousand dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court. All fines assessed under this section shall be paid to the treasurer of state for the benefit of the fines State Military fund.

Disposition of

Section 40. When the Commanding Officer of an organization orders out his command for such duty, he may order enlisted men to notify the men enrolled in such organization to appear at the time and place appointed. These men shall give notice of such time and place of meeting to each man per-

Enlisted men notify members to appear

sonally, or by leaving at his usual place of abode a written or printed order, signed by the enlisted men serving the same, which notice shall be sufficient warning.

Refusal to notify Section 41. Every enlisted man who refuses or neglects to serve such notice when duly ordered so to do, and every officer or enlisted man who having been served with notice as provided in the preceding section refuses or neglects to obey the same promptly (shall) be deemed guilty of disobedience of orders and punished at the discretion of a courts-martial.

Punishment

Adjutant general furnish blanks

Section 42. The Adjutant General shall furnish to commanders of regiments, squadrons, batteries, etc., blank forms of rolls, bonds, and the different returns required to be made by them; he shall from time to time, explain the principles upon which returns should be made, and may make such general regulation concerning the same as will best promote uniformity in their rendition, and arrange for such practical details as are required to make the system complete; and he shall keep the papers, volumes and records of the department in an office provided by the State, and make and submit to the Governor, at least thirty days before each meeting of the general assembly, a report on all matters coming within this department.

Keep records

Report

Section 43. The Governor shall from time to time cause such numbers of this Act as may be deemed necessary to be printed and the same shall be distributed to the National Guard by the Adjutant General.

Printing and distribution of act

Unlawfully breaking building burglary Section 44. Whosoever in the day or night season unlawfully breaks into or enters any building where military property of the State or of the United

States is kept shall be deemed guilty of burglary and punished accordingly.

Section 45. Officers ordered on courts-martial. or other courts, courts, or witnesses in attendance thereon, and officers or enlisted men tried by courtsmartial or other courts, and acquitted, shall be deemed on active duty and paid accordingly.

Courts. martial-pay officers, witnesses and those acquitted

Section 46. No person belonging to the military forces of the State shall be arrested on any civil process while going to, remaining at, or returning from any place at which he may be required to attend to military duties.

Exemptions from arrest

Section 47. All persons belonging to the military forces of the State going to or returning from any parade, encampment, drill or meeting, which they may be required by law to attend shall, together with their conveyances and the military property of the State be allowed to pass free through all toll gates and over all toll bridges and roads; and on railroad fare all railways over which troops may be required to pass during annual encampments, or in times of disorder, they shall be transported in organized bodies at a rate not to exceed two cents per mile for each officer or soldier so transported.

Freedom from

Section 48. Any person who shall purchase, retain or have in custody or posession without right, any military properties belonging to the State or United States Government and shall after proper demand refuse to deliver the same to any officer entitled to take possession thereof, shall be liable to an action for the recovering of such military property penalty and to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than five hundred dollars.

deliver over military

Unauthorized military organizations

Parades

Municipality not equip men

Section 49. It shall not be lawful for any body of men whatsoever, other than the regularly organized National Guard or the troops of the United States, to associate themselves together as a military company or organization, or to parade in public, with arms in any part of the State without license of the Governor therefor, which, may at any time be revoked; nor shall it be lawful for any city or town to raise or appropriate any moneys toward arming, equipping, uniforming or in any way supporting or sustaining, or providing drill rooms or armories for such bodies of men.

Penalty for violating preceding section Section 50. Whoever offends against the provisions of the preceding section, or belongs to or parades with any such unauthorized body of men with arms shall be punished by a fine not exceeding the sum of one thousand (\$1000) dollars for each offense or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Rights of way

Exceptions

Section 51. The United States troops or forces, or any portion of the National Guard of Colorado, parading or performing any duty according to law, shall have the right of way in any street or highway through which they may pass; PROVIDED, That the carriage of the United States mails, the legitimate functions of the police, and the progress and operations of fire engines and fire departments shall not be interfered with thereby.

Neglect to attend drill, parade, etc.

Punishment

Section 52. If any enlisted men or any commissioned officer in the National Guard of Colorado shall wilfully neglect or refuse to attend at any drill or parade or other military duty when duly notified of the same, he shall be deemed guilty of disobedience of orders and shall be punished at the discretion of a courts-martial; PROVIDED, That the post-

ing of a notice in the armory setting the time and place for drills shall be deemed sufficient notice.

Section 53. If punishment by any courts-martial shall be by imprisonment for less than one year, confinement shall be in the county jail of the county wherein the court was convened, and the warden or keeper of such jail shall accept such prisoner upon receipt of the order promulgating the sentence of the court; and if the punishment shall be for more than one year, confinement shall be at the State Penitentiary; PROVIDED, That confinement may be in military barracks or prisons if so ordered by the Governor.

Punishment of

Section 54. The Warden of the Penitentiary or Keepers of county jails shall keep in confinement any and all prisoners turned over to them for safe keeping upon written orders of the Governor; and the Adjutant General of the State shall have power to issue warrants for the arrest of offenders against whom charges have been preferred, if he shall deem such arrest advisable.

Wardens and keepers retain prisoners

Adjutant general issue warrants for arrest

Section 55. Members of the National Guard of Colorado, drafted into Federal Service by the Federal Government, shall each upon being discharged therefrom, automatically resume his status in the National Guard of Colorado, and continue to serve in the same until the dates upon which their enlistments entered into prior to draft would have expired if uninterrupted.

Members drafted into Federal service

Section 56. In case of conflict between any of the provisions of this Act and Army Regulations, War Department Orders or National Guard Regulations, now in force or hereafter promulgated by the War Department, such War Department Regula-

War Department orders and National Guard, regulations paramount tions and Orders or National Guard Regulations shall be paramount and the conflicting provisions hereof shall be of no force or effect.

War Department laws, regulations and orders govern Section 57. On all military procedure and subjects arising in this State and not specifically covered by the provisions of this Act, the Laws, Regulations and Orders of the War Department, shall be considered to cover such procedure and subjects.

Fines not paid list of delinquents Section 58. When fines or penalties assessed by courts-martial or summary courts are not paid within ten days after the sentence is approved by the reviewing officer and returned to the commandant, a list thereof and of the delinquents shall be placed in the hands of the justices of the peace within the townships in which the delinquents reside, who shall thereupon render judgment against such delinquents separately, together with the costs of suit, without issuing process, and shall issue execution thereon, directed to any constable of the proper township who shall collect the same, and the moneys so collected shall after deduction of costs be paid over to such justice who shall immediately dispose of the same as herein provided.

Execution to collect

Disposition of

Section 59. Fines assessed by summary courts and dues shall, when collected be paid to the treasurer of the proper company, troop or battery, and all other fines shall, when collected be paid into the treasury of the proper county to be placed to the credit of the State Military fund.

Commitment when execution not satisfied Section 60. Whenever any constable to whom execution shall have been issued as provided in section 59 (58) of this act, shall fail to discover suffigoods and chattels to satisfy the same, he shall take the body of such delinquent and convey him to the

common jail of such county; the jailor shall keep the said delinquent closely confined without bail for one day for any fine or penalty not exceeding one dollar and one additional day for each additional dollar unless the fine or penalty together with the costs be sooner paid; but no such imprisonment shall extend beyond the period of ten days: PROVIDED, HOWEVER. That the prisoner may be liberated at Liberation any time by order of the officer who ordered the court that imposed the fine and penalties.

Time of imprisonment

Section 61. Justices of the Peace, in their respective counties, shall have power and authority to justices issue warrants, and full jurisdiction to hear, try and determine prosecutions under the provisions of this act, subject, however, to the right of appeal.

Jurisdiction of

Section 62. Whenever in this Act reference is made to War Department Orders, Army Regulations, and customs of the service, they shall be deemed to be War Department Orders, Army Regulations and customs of the service as are issued and pertain to the United States Government or its branches for the guidance and discipline of the United States Army; and when reference is made to National Guard Regulations, it shall be deemed to be such National Guard Regulations as may be issued by the War Department of the United States for the regulation of the National Guard.

War Department orders, how

Section 63. Sections 4359 to 4456 inclusive of the Revised Statutes of Colorado, 1908, Chapter 185, Session Laws, 1909 and Chapter 122 of the Session Laws of 1915, and Chapter 101 of the Session Laws of 1917, and Chapter 164 of the Session Laws of 1919 are hereby repealed.

Safety clause

Section 64. The General Assembly hereby finds, determines and declares that this Act and each and every sentence, phrase, clause, and sub-section thereof, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

Emergency

Section 65. In the opinion of the General Assembly an emergency exists; therefore, this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 7, 1921.