

commission for the purchase and equipment of books to be loaned under the provisions of this act, and such incidental and clerical expenses as hereinbefore mentioned.

SEC. 12. A room which shall serve as an office for the commission shall be provided for in the new capitol building.

SEC. 13. Said commission may from time to time, as needed, draw their order in favor of the parties to whom money is due, or to one of the members of said commission when the money is to be used for incidental expenses, stating in said order what the money is to be used for, and upon the presentation of such order the state auditor shall draw his order on the state treasurer for the amount thereof, not exceeding the amount herein appropriated for the purpose.

Money for expenses of commission, how drawn.

SEC. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21st, 1899.

## CHAPTER 354.

H. F. No. 363.

*An act to repeal section twenty (20) of sub-chapter seven (7) of chapter seventy-four (74) of the General Laws for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877), relating to the appointment of school examiners for independent school districts.*

School examiners for independent districts, abolished.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That section twenty (20) of sub-chapter seven (7) of chapter seventy-four (74) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877) be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 20, subchap. 7, chap. 74, Laws 1877, repealed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21st, 1899.

## CHAPTER 355.

H. F. No. 519.

*An act to establish a naval reserve.*

Naval reserve.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Naval reserve  
established.

SECTION 1. There shall be allowed, in addition to the forces now authorized by law to be maintained, eight (8) divisions or companies of naval reserve, each of the number of men hereinafter stated, four (4) of which companies or divisions shall constitute a crew to be known as the first and second crew of the naval reserve of Minnesota.

How com-  
manded.

SEC. 2. The naval reserve shall be commanded by an officer to be appointed in the first instance and commissioned by the governor, with the rank of commander, who shall have the power to appoint a staff, consisting of a chief of staff, with the rank of lieutenant commander; a navigating officer, with the rank of lieutenant; a signal officer, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade; an aide to the commander, with the rank of ensign; a surgeon, paymaster, chief engineer, chaplain and judge advocate, with the rank of lieutenant, who, when so appointed, shall be commissioned by the governor.

Officers of  
commander's  
staff.

There shall also be attached to the commander's staff the following petty officers: One master at arms, who shall be the chief petty officer of the naval force; one gunner's mate; one equipment yeoman; one apothecary; one ship's armorer; two torpedo electricians; four machinists; one chief quartermaster; one coxswain; one chief bugler.

Ship's crew,  
officers of.

SEC. 3. Each ship's crew, or complement of four (4) divisions, to be commanded by a lieutenant commander, who shall be appointed in the first instance and commissioned by the governor, and the same shall consist of not more than four (4) nor less than two (2) companies or divisions. To each company or division there shall be one (1) lieutenant, one (1) lieutenant (junior grade), and one (1) ensign, to be elected in the first instance by the members of said company or division, and commissioned by the governor, and thirty-five (35) petty officers and men as a minimum, and one hundred (100) petty officers and men as a maximum, the petty officers of each company to be appointed by the lieutenant in command thereof.

Staff of  
lieutenant  
commander  
of crew.

SEC. 4. The lieutenant commander of each crew of the naval reserve may appoint a staff consisting of one (1) lieutenant, who shall be executive officer; one (1) lieutenant, who shall be navigating and ordnance officer and signal officer; one (1) ensign, who shall be aide to the lieutenant commander; also an assistant surgeon, an assistant paymaster, and an assistant engineer, each with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, all of whom shall be commissioned by the governor when so appointed.

Organization  
of, to conform  
to laws of U. S.  
and system of  
U. S. navy.

SEC. 5. The organization of the naval reserve shall conform generally to the provisions of the laws of the United States, and the system of discipline and exer-

cise shall conform as nearly as may be to that of the United States navy, as now or hereafter organized; and whenever a vacancy shall occur in any position herein enumerated, the ranking officer next below shall, by virtue of his rank, succeed to and become entitled to said position and rank, and the governor, upon such succession, shall issue a commission to said successor as if originally appointed.

When not otherwise provided for, the government of the naval reserve shall be controlled by the provisions of the military code of the State of Minnesota. The naval reserve shall be under the control of the adjutant general, under the commander-in-chief, and all reports shall be made to him through proper channels.

SEC. 6. All officers below the grade of commander shall hold their commission for ninety (90) days as acting officers in the grade to which appointed, and within this time shall be examined mentally and physically as to their qualifications, and if not passing satisfactorily, the acting appointment shall then cease. The examining board shall be the officers of the next higher grade.

SEC. 7. When the government of the United States is ready to supply arms and equipment as well as material and opportunities for naval instruction and drill, the governor is hereby authorized to make the necessary arrangements for carrying such programme into effect.

The duty of the naval reserve required by law, or any of it, may be performed afloat in United States vessels.

Officers and men of the naval reserve while mustered temporarily into service of the United States for instruction or active service, other than when called into active service by the governor in time of war, riot, or insurrection, shall not be entitled to any compensation or allowance from the state.

SEC. 8. The governor is hereby authorized to apply to the president of the United States for the detail of commissioned and petty officers of the navy to act as inspectors and instructors in the art of naval warfare.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21st, 1899.

To be controlled by military code where not otherwise provided.

Acting officers, how long to hold office.

Governor to carry out provisions of law when U. S. supplies arms.

Naval reserve, to be paid by U. S., when.

Instructors from U. S. navy.