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SEC. 1. Whenever any persons to the number of forty or more, shall desire to organize themselves into a uniform company, either of artillery, light infantry, riflemen or cavalry, and shall enter their names in a book for that purpose, they may proceed to choose by ballot the following officers, viz: One captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, four sergeants, and four corporals; and they may choose so many musicians as they may deem proper, not exceeding ten.

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SEC. 2. Such company so formed shall cause to be filed with the governor, a copy of their proceedings accompanied with a list of the officers elected, above the rank of sergeant, and the number of persons who have enrolled themselves as members of said company; the governor shall, upon satisfactory evidence that such company has been formed, issue commissions to the captain and first and second lieutenants thereof, and as often thereafter as any new election shall have been held to supply vacancies in any of the aforementioned offices.

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Governor to issue commissions.

SEC. 3. Whenever the officers of any such company shall have been duly commissioned, as provided in the preceding section, such company shall elect by ballot three directors, who may contract and be contracted with, and may hold, purchase, and convey, for the benefit of the company, such real and personal estate as may be necessary for its use; such directors may be elected annually, or as often as any vacancy in their number shall occur.

Three directors to be elected, and their powers.

SEC. 4. Such company may also make such rules, regulations, and by-laws, as they may deem necessary for the government and management of the same, and may establish the sums which any member thereof shall pay, for any neglect or refusal to comply with such rules, regulations and by-laws, and shall have power to sue for and collect the same.

Company may make by-laws, and impose and collect fines.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the directors, to take charge and safely preserve and keep in good order and repair, the arms, instruments, and munitions of war, belonging to the territory, which may be intrusted to the company, and for this purpose they may purchase and provide a suitable armory, and take charge of the same; and they shall take charge and have a general supervision of all the property belonging to the company, and for defraying the expenses of such armory and other necessary matters, they may raise and collect such taxes on the members of such company, as the majority shall by vote direct, at any regular meeting called for that purpose.

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SEC. 6. The property of the territory, committed to the care of such directors, shall be kept at a general deposit; and no member shall be allowed to take any article therefrom, unless permitted by the directors.

SEC. 7. The captain of such company shall preside at all meetings for the transaction of business, preserve order, enforce the by-laws, and see that they are carried into effect; in the absence of the captain, the highest officer in rank, present, shall exercise the duties of captain.

SEC. 8. Such company shall annually elect a treasurer, who shall receive and keep all moneys raised by tax or otherwise, belonging to the company, and shall pay over the same as may be ordered by a vote of the company, or to any person authorized in its behalf; such treasurer shall keep a book, in which he shall charge himself with all moneys received belonging to the company, from whatever source, and credit himself with all moneys paid out; and he shall render an account of his receipts and disbursements, whenever required by said company, or the officers thereof.

SEC. 9. Upon application of the commissioned officers of any uniform company, to the governor of the territory, for arms or ordnance for the use of such company, the governor shall require such evidence as he may deem proper, that the number of uniformed persons belonging to such company, is not less than forty, and that they are furnished with a proper uniform; and if he shall be satisfied that such company is entitled thereto, he shall furnish such number of arms as shall be necessary for said company; provided there shall be any in his possession belonging to the territory.

SEC. 10. Before any such arms or ordnance shall be delivered to any such company, the directors thereof shall execute to the governor, a bond with sufficient sureties for the safe keeping and return of such property, when required by the governor.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the governor, to require the return of any arms or ordnance belonging to the territory, and which have been furnished to any uniform company, whenever he shall become satisfied that they are not safely and properly kept, or that the company to which they were furnished has become disbanded, or that there are not forty uniformed members belonging to such company.

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