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GENERAL PROVISIONS

398.002 Definitions for this chapter and ORS 396.120, 399.205 and 399.515. As used in this chapter and ORS 396.120, 399.205 and 399.515, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Accuser" means a person who signs and swears to charges, any person who directs that charges nominally be signed and sworn to by another, or any other person who has an interest other than an official interest in the prosecution of the accused.

(2) "Active state duty" means full-time duty in the active military service of the state under an order of the Governor issued pursuant to authority vested in him by law, and while going to and returning from such duty.

(3) "Commanding officer" includes only commissioned officers.

(4) "Commissioned officer" includes a commissioned warrant officer.

(5) "Convening authority" includes, in addition to the person who convened the court, a commissioned officer commanding for the time being, or a successor in command.

(6) "Enlisted member" means a person in an enlisted grade.

(7) "Grade" means a step or degree, in a graduated scale of office or military rank, that is established and designated as a grade by law or regulation.

(8) "Law officer" means an official of a general court-martial detailed in accordance with ORS 398.134.

(9) "Legal officer" means any commissioned officer of the organized militia of the state designated to perform legal duties for a command.

(10) "May" is used in a permissive sense. However, the words "no person may . . ." mean that no person is required, authorized or permitted to do the act prescribed.

(11) "Military" refers to any or all of the armed forces.

(12) "Military court" means a court-martial, a court of inquiry or a provost court.

(13) "Officer" means commissioned or warrant officer.

(14) "Organized militia" means the National Guard of the state, as defined in section 101(3) of title 32, United States Code, and the Oregon National Guard Reserve.

(15) "Rank" means the order of precedence among members of the armed forces.

(16) "Shall" is used in an imperative sense.

(17) "State Judge Advocate" means the commissioned officer responsible for supervising the administration of the military justice in the organized militia.

(18) "Superior commissioned officer" means a commissioned officer superior in rank or command.

[1961 c.454 §78]

398.004 Persons subject to this chapter. The following persons who are not in federal service are subject to this chapter:

(1) Members of the organized militia.

(2) All other persons lawfully ordered to duty in or with the organized militia, from the dates they are required by the terms of the order or other directive to obey the same.

[1961 c.454 §79]

398.006 Jurisdiction to try certain personnel. (1) Each person discharged from the organized militia who is later charged with having fraudulently obtained his discharge is, subject to ORS 398.216, subject to trial by court-martial on that charge and is after apprehension subject to this chapter while in the custody of the military for that trial. Upon conviction of that charge he is subject to trial by court-martial for all offenses under this chapter committed before the fraudulent discharge.

(2) No person who has deserted from the organized militia may be relieved from amenability to the jurisdiction of this chapter by virtue of a separation from any later period of service.

[1961 c.454 §80]

398.008 Dismissal of commissioned officer. (1) If any commissioned officer dismissed by order of the Governor makes a written application for trial by court-martial, setting forth under oath that he has been wrongfully dismissed, the Governor, as soon as practicable, shall convene a general court-martial to try that officer on the charges on which he was dismissed. A court-martial so convened has jurisdiction to try the dismissed officer on those charges, and he shall be considered to have waived the right to plead any statute of limitations applicable to any offense with which he is charged. The court-martial may, as part of its sentence, adjudge the affirmance of the dismissal; but if the court-martial acquits the accused or if the sentence adjudged, as finally

approved or affirmed, does not include dismissal, the Chief of Staff to the Governor shall substitute for the dismissal ordered by the Governor a form of discharge authorized for administrative issue.

(2) If the Governor fails to convene a general court-martial within six months from the presentation of an application for trial under this chapter, the Chief of Staff to the Governor shall substitute for the dismissal ordered by the Governor a form of discharge authorized for administrative issue.

(3) If a discharge is substituted for a dismissal under this chapter, the Governor alone may reappoint the officer to such commissioned grade and with such rank as, in the opinion of the Governor, that former officer would have attained had he not been dismissed. The reappointment of such a former officer may be made only if a vacancy is available under applicable tables of organization. All time between the dismissal and the reappointment shall be considered as actual service for all purposes.

(4) If an officer is discharged from the organized militia by administrative action or by board proceedings under law, or is dropped from the rolls by order of the Governor, he has no right to trial under this section.
[1961 c.454 §81]

398.010 Territorial applicability of this chapter. (1) This chapter applies throughout the state. It also applies to all persons otherwise subject to this chapter while they are serving outside the state, and while they are going to and returning from such service outside the state, in the same manner and to the same extent as if they were serving inside the state.

(2) Courts-martial and courts of inquiry may be convened and held in units of the organized militia while those units are serving outside the state with the same jurisdiction and powers as to persons subject to this chapter as if the proceedings were held inside the state; and offenses committed outside the state may be tried and punished either inside or outside the state.
[1961 c.454 §82]

398.012 Judge advocates and legal officers. (1) The Governor, on the recommendation of the Adjutant General, shall appoint an officer of the organized militia as State Judge Advocate. To be eligible for appointment, an officer must be a member of the bar of the highest court of the state and must have been a member of the bar of the state for at least five years.

(2) The Adjutant General may appoint as many Assistant State Judge Advocates as he deems necessary, which Assistant State Judge Advocates shall be officers of the organized militia and members of the bar of the state.

(3) The State Judge Advocate or his assistants shall make frequent inspections in the field for supervision of the administration of military justice.

(4) Convening authorities shall at all times communicate directly with their staff judge advocate or legal officers in matters relating to the administration of military justice; and the staff judge advocate or legal officer of any command is entitled to communicate directly with the staff judge advocate or legal officer of a superior or subordinate command, or with the State Judge Advocate.

(5) No person who has acted as member, law officer, trial counsel, assistant trial counsel, defense counsel, assistant defense counsel or investigating officer, or who has been a witness for either the prosecution or defense in any case, may later act as staff judge advocate or legal officer to any reviewing authority upon the same case.
[1961 c.454 §83]

APPREHENSION AND RESTRAINT

398.052 "Apprehension" defined; quelling of disorders. (1) Apprehension is the taking of a person into custody.

(2) Any person authorized by this chapter and ORS chapters 396 and 399, or by military department regulations issued pursuant thereto, to apprehend persons subject to this chapter, any marshal of a court-martial appointed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and any peace officer authorized to do so by law may do so upon reasonable belief that an offense has been committed and that the person apprehended committed it.

(3) Commissioned officers, warrant officers and noncommissioned officers have authority to quell quarrels, frays and disorders among persons subject to this chapter and to apprehend persons subject to this chapter who take part therein.
[1961 c.454 §84]

398.054 Apprehension of deserters. Any civil officer having authority to apprehend

offenders under the laws of the United States or of a state, territory, commonwealth or possession, or the District of Columbia, may summarily apprehend a deserter from the organized militia and deliver him into the custody of the organized militia. If an offender is apprehended outside the state, his return to the area must be in accordance with normal extradition procedures or reciprocal agreement.
[1961 c.454 §85]

398.056 Imposition of restraint; "arrest" and "confinement" defined. (1) Arrest is the restraint of a person by an order, not imposed as a punishment for an offense, directing him to remain within certain specified limits. Confinement is the physical restraint of a person.

(2) An enlisted member may be ordered into arrest or confinement by any commissioned officer by an oral or written order, delivered in person or through other persons subject to this chapter or through any person authorized by this chapter to apprehend persons. A commanding officer may authorize warrant officers or noncommissioned officers to order enlisted members of his command or subject to his authority into arrest or confinement.

(3) A commissioned officer or warrant officer may be ordered apprehended or into arrest or confinement only by a commanding officer to whose authority he is subject, by an order, oral or written, delivered in person or by another commissioned officer. The authority to order such persons apprehended or into arrest or confinement may not be delegated.

(4) No person may be ordered apprehended or into arrest or confinement except for probable cause.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of persons authorized to apprehend offenders to secure the custody of an alleged offender until proper authority may be notified.
[1961 c.454 §86]

398.058 Restraint of persons charged with offenses; notice of charges; speedy disposition. (1) Any person subject to this chapter charged with an offense under this chapter shall be ordered into arrest or confinement, as circumstances may require; but when charged only with an offense normally tried by a summary court-martial, such person shall not ordinarily be placed in confinement.

(2) When any person subject to this chapter is placed in arrest or confinement prior to trial, immediate steps shall be taken to inform him of the specific wrong of which he is accused and to try him or to dismiss the charges and release him.
[1961 c.454 §87]

398.060 Place of confinement. Confinement other than in a guard house, whether before, during or after trial by a military court, shall be executed in civil jails, penitentiaries or prisons designated by the Governor or by such persons as he may authorize to act.
[1961 c.454 §88]

398.062 Reports and receiving of prisoners. (1) No provost marshal, commander of a guard, master at arms, warden, keeper or officer of a city or county jail or any other jail, penitentiary or prison designated under ORS 398.060, may refuse to receive or keep any prisoner committed to his charge, when the committing person furnishes a statement, signed by him, of the offense charged against the prisoner.

(2) Every commander of a guard, master-at-arms, warden, keeper or officer of a city or county jail or of any other jail, penitentiary or prison designated under ORS 398.060, to whose charge a prisoner is committed shall, within 24 hours after that commitment or as soon as he is relieved from guard, report to the commanding officer of the prisoner the name of the prisoner, the offense charged against him, and the name of the person who ordered or authorized the commitment.
[1961 c.454 §89]

398.064 Punishment prohibited before trial. Subject to ORS 398.256, no person, while being held for trial or the result of a trial, may be subjected to punishment or penalty other than arrest or confinement upon the charges pending against him, nor shall the arrest or confinement imposed upon him be any more rigorous than the circumstances required to insure his presence; but he may be subjected to minor punishment during that period for infractions of discipline, and may be required to perform such labor as may be necessary for the policing and sanitation of his living quarters and messing facilities and the area immediately adjacent thereto.
[1961 c.454 §90]

398.066 Delivery of offenders to civil authorities; redelivery to military authority. (1) Under such military department regulations as may be prescribed under this chapter and ORS chapters 396 and 399, a person on active state duty subject to this chapter who is accused of an offense against civil authority may be delivered, upon request, to the civil authority for trial.

(2) When delivery under this section is made to any civil authority of a person undergoing sentence of a court-martial, the delivery, if followed by conviction in a civil tribunal, interrupts the execution of the sentence of the court-martial, and the offender after having answered to the civil authorities for his offense shall, upon the request of competent military authority, be returned to military custody for the completion of his sentence.
[1961 c.454 §91]

NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

398.082 Imposition and enforcement of disciplinary punishment without court-martial. (1) Under such military department regulations as the Governor may prescribe, any commanding officer may, in addition to or in lieu of admonition or reprimand, impose one of the following disciplinary punishments for minor offenses without the intervention of a court-martial:

(a) Upon officers of his command:

(A) Withholding of privileges for not more than two consecutive weeks;

(B) Restriction to certain specified limits, with or without suspension from duty, for not more than two consecutive weeks; or

(C) If imposed by the Governor, the commanding officer of a force of the organized militia or the commanding general of a division, a fine or forfeiture of pay and allowances of not more than $75.

(b) Upon other military personnel of his command:

(A) Withholding of privileges for not more than two consecutive weeks;

(B) Restriction to certain specified limits, with or without suspension from duty, for not more than two consecutive weeks;

(C) Extra duties for not more than two consecutive weeks, and not to exceed two hours per day, holidays included;

(D) Reduction to next inferior grade if the grade from which demoted was established by the command or an equivalent or lower command; or

(E) If imposed by an officer exercising special court-martial jurisdiction over the offender, a fine or forfeiture of pay and allowances of not more than $10.

(2) The Governor may, by military department regulation, place limitations on the powers granted by this section with respect to the kind and amount of punishment authorized and the categories of commanding officers authorized to exercise those powers.

(3) An officer in charge may, for minor offenses, impose on enlisted members assigned to the unit of which he is in charge such of the punishments authorized to be imposed by commanding officers as the Governor may by military department regulation specifically prescribe, as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(4) A person punished under this section who considers his punishment unjust or disproportionate to the offense may, through the proper channel, appeal to the next superior authority. The appeal shall be promptly forwarded and decided, but the person punished may in the meantime be required to undergo the punishment adjudged. The officer who imposes the punishment, his successor in command, and superior authority may suspend, set aside, or remit any part or amount of the punishment and restore all rights, privileges and property affected.

(5) The imposition and enforcement of disciplinary punishment under this section for any act or omission is not a bar to trial by court-martial for a serious crime or offense growing out of the same act or omission, and not properly punishable under this section; but the fact that a disciplinary punishment has been enforced may be shown by the accused upon trial, and when so shown shall be considered in determining the measure of punishment to adjudge in the event of a finding of guilty.

(6) Whenever a punishment of forfeiture of pay and allowances is imposed under this section, the forfeiture may apply to pay or allowances becoming due on or after the date that punishment is imposed and to any pay and allowances accrued before that date.
[1961 c.454 §92]

COURTS-MARTIAL JURISDICTION

398.102 Courts-martial of organized militia not in federal service; composition. (1)

In the organized militia not in federal service, there are general, special and summary courts-martial constituted like similar courts of the army and air force. They have the jurisdiction and powers, except as to punishments, and shall follow the forms and procedures provided for those courts.

(2) The three kinds of courts-martial shall be constituted as follows:

(a) General courts-martial, consisting of a law officer and not less than five members;

(b) Special courts-martial, consisting of not less than three members; and

(c) Summary courts-martial, consisting of one commissioned officer.

[1961 c.454 §93]

398.104 Jurisdiction of courts-martial of each force. Each force of the organized militia has court-martial jurisdiction over all persons subject to this chapter. The exercise of jurisdiction by one force over personnel of another force shall be in accordance with military department regulations prescribed by the Governor.

[1961 c.454 §94]

398.106 Jurisdiction of general courts-martial. Subject to ORS 398.104, general courts-martial have jurisdiction to try persons subject to this chapter for any offense made punishable by this chapter and may, under such limitations as the Governor may prescribe, adjudge any of the following punishments:

(1) A fine of not more than $200 or forfeiture of pay and allowances of not more than $200;

(2) Confinement with hard labor for not more than 200 days;

(3) Dishonorable discharge, bad conduct discharge or dismissal;

(4) Reprimand;

(5) Reduction of enlisted persons to a lower grade; or

(6) Any combination of these punishments.

[1961 c.454 §95]

398.108 Jurisdiction of special courts-martial. Subject to ORS 398.104, special courts-martial shall have jurisdiction to try persons subject to this chapter for any offense for which they may be punished under this chapter. A special court-martial may adjudge any punishment a general court-martial may adjudge, except dishonorable discharge, dismissal or confinement with hard labor for more than 100 days, forfeiture of pay and allowances of more than $100 or a fine of more than $100.

[1961 c.454 §96]

398.110 Jurisdiction of summary courts-martial. (1) Subject to ORS 398.104, summary courts-martial have jurisdiction to try persons subject to this chapter, except officers and warrant officers, for any offense made punishable by this chapter.

(2) No person with respect to whom summary courts-martial have jurisdiction may be brought to trial before a summary court-martial if he objects thereto, unless under ORS 398.082, he has been permitted and has elected to refuse punishment under that section. If objection to trial by summary court-martial is made by an accused who has not been permitted to refuse punishment under ORS 398.082, trial shall be ordered by special or general court-martial, as may be appropriate.

(3) Summary courts-martial may adjudge any of the following punishments:

(a) Confinement with hard labor for not exceeding 25 days;

(b) A fine of not more than $25 or forfeiture of pay and allowances of not more than $25;

(c) Reprimand, reduction of enlisted persons to a lower grade; and

(d) Any combination of these punishments.

[1961 c.454 §97]

398.112 Sentences of dismissal or dishonorable discharge to be approved by Governor. In the organized militia not in federal service, no sentence of dismissal or dishonorable discharge may be executed until it is approved by the Governor.

[1961 c.454 §98]

398.114 When complete record of proceedings and testimony required. A dishonorable discharge, bad conduct discharge or dismissal shall not be adjudged by any court-martial unless a complete record of the proceedings and testimony before the court has been made.

[1961 c.454 §99]

398.116 Authorized sentence of general or special court-martial after declaration of war prior to jurisdiction of United States Code of Military Justice. A general or special court-martial convened for the trial of a person charged with committing an offense after the declaration of a war or national emergency and before the time when he is

brought under the jurisdiction of the United States Uniform Code of Military Justice, (chapter 47, title 10, United States Code), may, upon conviction, adjudge such punishment as may be appropriate, except that it may not exceed that authorized for a similar offense by the United States Uniform Code of Military Justice.
[1961 c.454 §100]

APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION OF COURTS-MARTIAL

398.126 Convening general courts-martial. In the organized militia not in federal service, general courts-martial may be convened by the President or by the Governor.
[1961 c.454 §101]

398.128 Convening special courts-martial. In the organized militia not in federal service, the commanding officer of a garrison, fort, post, camp, air base, auxiliary air base or other place where troops are on duty, or of a brigade, regiment, wing, group, detached battalion, separate squadron or other detached command, may convene special courts-martial. Special courts-martial may also be convened by superior authority. When any such officer is an accuser, the court shall be convened by superior competent authority.
[1961 c.454 §102]

398.130 Convening summary courts-martial. (1) In the organized militia not in federal service, the commanding officer of a garrison, fort, post, camp, air base, auxiliary air base or other place where troops are on duty, or of a regiment, wing, group, detached battalion, detached squadron, detached company or other detachment, may convene a summary court-martial consisting of one commissioned officer. The proceedings shall be informal.

(2) When only one commissioned officer is present with a command or detachment he shall be the summary court-martial of that command or detachment and shall hear and determine all summary court-martial cases brought before him. Summary courts-martial may, however, be convened in any case by superior competent authority when considered desirable by him.
[1961 c.454 §103]

398.132 Who may serve on courts-martial. (1) Any commissioned officer of or on duty with the organized militia is eligible to serve on all courts-martial for the trial of any person who may lawfully be brought before such courts for trial.

(2) Any warrant officer of or on duty with the organized militia is eligible to serve on general and special courts-martial for the trial of any person, other than a commissioned officer, who may lawfully be brought before such courts for trial.

(3) (a) Any enlisted member of the organized militia who is not a member of the same unit as the accused is eligible to serve on general and special courts-martial for the trial of any enlisted member who may lawfully be brought before such courts for trial, but he shall serve as a member of a court only if, before the convening of the court, the accused personally has requested in writing that enlisted members serve on it. After such a request, the accused may not be tried by a general or special court-martial the membership of which does not include enlisted members in a number comprising at least one-third of the total membership of the court, unless eligible members cannot be obtained on account of physical conditions or military exigencies. If such members cannot be obtained, the court may be convened and the trial held without them, but the convening authority shall make a detailed written statement, to be appended to the record, stating why they could not be obtained.

(b) As used in this section, the word "unit" means any regularly organized body of the organized militia not larger than a company, a squadron or a corresponding body.

(4) (a) When it can be avoided, no person subject to this chapter shall be tried by a court-martial any member of which is junior to him in rank or grade.

(b) When convening a court-martial, the convening authority shall detail as members thereof such members of the organized militia as, in his opinion, are best qualified for the duty by reason of age, education, training, experience, length of service, and judicial temperament. No member of the organized militia is eligible to serve as a member of a general or special court-martial when he is the accuser or a witness for the prosecution or has acted as investigating officer or as counsel in the same case. If within the command of the convening authority there is present and not otherwise disqualified a commissioned officer who is a member of the bar of the state and of appropriate rank, the convening authority shall appoint him as

president of a special court-martial. Although this requirement is binding on the convening authority, failure to meet it in any case does not divest a military court of jurisdiction.
[1961 c.454 §104]

398.134 Law officer of general court-martial. (1) The authority convening a general court-martial shall detail as law officer thereof a commissioned officer who is a member of the bar of a state, or a member of the bar of a federal court, and who is certified to be qualified for such duty by the State Judge Advocate. No person shall be eligible to act as law officer in a case if he is the accuser or a witness for the prosecution or has acted as investigating officer or as counsel in the same case.

(2) The law officer may not consult with the members of the court, other than on the form of the findings as provided in ORS 398.208, except in the presence of the accused, trial counsel and defense counsel, nor may he vote with the members of the court.
[1961 c.454 §105]

398.136 Detail of trial counsel and defense counsel. (1) For each general and special court-martial the authority convening the court shall detail trial counsel and defense counsel, and such assistants as he considers appropriate. No person who has acted as investigating officer, law officer or court member in any case may act later as trial counsel, assistant trial counsel or, unless expressly requested by the accused, as defense counsel or assistant defense counsel in the same case. No person who has acted for the prosecution may act later in the same case for the defense, nor may any person who has acted for the defense act later in the same case for the prosecution.

(2) Trial counsel or defense counsel detailed for a general court-martial must be:

(a) A person who is a member of the bar of the highest court of a state, or a member of the bar of federal court; and

(b) Certified as competent to perform such duties by the State Judge Advocate.

(3) In the case of a special court-martial:

(a) If the trial counsel is qualified to act as counsel before a general court-martial, the defense counsel detailed by the convening authority must be a person similarly qualified; and

(b) If the trial counsel is a member of the bar of the highest court of a state, the defense counsel detailed by the convening authority must have the same qualifications.
[1961 c.454 §106]

398.138 Detail or employment of reporters and interpreters. Under such military department regulations as the Governor may prescribe, the convening authority of a general or special court-martial or court of inquiry shall detail or employ qualified court reporters, who shall record the proceedings of and testimony taken before that court. Under like regulations the convening authority of a military court may detail or employ interpreters who shall interpret for the court.
[1961 c.454 §107]

398.140 Absent and additional members; effect of absences on the trial. (1) No member of a general or special court-martial shall be absent or excused after the accused has been arraigned except for physical disability or as a result of a challenge or by order of the convening authority for good cause.

(2) Whenever a general court-martial is reduced below five members, the trial may not proceed unless the convening authority details new members sufficient in number to provide not less than five members. When the new members have been sworn, the trial may proceed after the recorded testimony of each witness previously examined has been read to the court in the presence of the law officer, the accused, and counsel.

(3) Whenever a special court-martial is reduced below three members, the trial may not proceed unless the convening authority details new members sufficient in number to provide not less than three members. When the new members have been sworn, the trial shall proceed as if no evidence has previously been introduced, unless a verbatim record of the testimony of previously examined witnesses or a stipulation thereof is read to the court in the presence of the accused and counsel.
[1961 c.454 §108]

PRETRIAL PROCEDURE

398.162 Charges and specifications. (1) Charges and specifications shall be signed by a person subject to this chapter under oath before a person authorized by this chapter to administer oaths and shall state:

(a) That the signer has personal knowledge of, or has investigated, the matters set forth therein; and

(b) That they are true in fact to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(2) Upon the preferring of charges, the proper authority shall take immediate steps to determine what disposition should be made thereof in the interest of justice and discipline, and the person accused shall be informed of the charges against him as soon as practicable.
[1961 c.454 §109]

398.164 Compulsory self-incrimination and immaterial and degrading evidence prohibited. (1) No person subject this chapter may compel any person to incriminate himself or to answer any question the answer to which may tend to incriminate him.

(2) No person subject to this chapter may interrogate, or request any statement from, an accused or a person suspected of an offense without first informing him of the nature of the accusation and advising him that he does not have to make any statement regarding the offense of which he is accused or suspected and that any statement made by him may be used as evidence against him in a trial by court-martial.

(3) No person subject to this chapter may compel any person to make a statement or produce evidence before any military tribunal if the statement or evidence is not material to the issue and may tend to degrade him.

(4) No statement obtained from any person in violation of this section, or through the use of coercion, unlawful influence or unlawful inducement may be received in evidence against him in a trial by court-martial.
[1961 c.454 §110]

398.166 Investigation. (1) No charge or specification may be referred to a general court-martial for trial until a thorough and impartial investigation of all the matters set forth therein has been made. This investigation shall include inquiry as to the truth of the matter set forth in the charges, consideration of the form of charges, and a recommendation as to the disposition which should be made of the case in the interest of justice and discipline.

(2) The accused shall be advised of the charges against him and of his right to be represented at that investigation by counsel. Upon his own request he shall be represented be civilian counsel if provided by him, or military counsel of his own selection if such counsel is reasonably available, or by counsel detailed by the officer exercising general court-martial jurisdiction over the command. At that investigation full opportunity shall be given to the accused to cross-examine witnesses against him if they are available and to present anything he may desire in his own behalf, either in defense or mitigation, and the investigating officer shall examine available witnesses requested by the accused. If the charges are forwarded after the investigation, they shall be accompanied by a statement of the substance of the testimony taken on both sides and a copy thereof shall be given to the accused.

(3) If an investigation of the subject matter of an offense has been conducted before the accused is charged with offense, and if the accused was present at the investigation and afforded the opportunities for representation, cross-examination, and presentation prescribed in subsection (2) of this section, no further investigation of that charge is necessary under this section unless it is demanded by the accused after he is informed of the charge. A demand for further investigation entitles the accused to recall witnesses for further cross-examination and to offer any new evidence in his own behalf.

(4) The requirements of this section are binding on all persons administering this chapter but failure to follow them does not divest a military court of jurisdiction.
[1961 c.454 §111]

398.168 Forwarding of charges. When a person is held for trial by general court-martial the commanding officer shall, within eight days after the accused is ordered into arrest or confinement, if practicable, forward the charges, together with the investigation and allied papers, to the Governor. If that is not practicable, he shall report in writing to the Governor the reasons for delay.
[1961 c.454 §112]

398.170 Advice of State Judge Advocate; reference for trial; formal corrections. (1) Before directing the trial of any charge by general court-martial, the convening authority shall refer it to the State Judge Advocate for consideration and advice. The convening authority may not refer a charge to a general court-martial for trial unless he has found that the charge alleges an offense under this chapter and is warranted by evidence indicated in the report of the investigation.

(2) If the charges or specifications are not formally correct or do not conform to

the substance of the evidence contained in the report of the investigating officer, formal corrections, and such changes in the charges and specifications as are needed to make them conform to the evidence, may be made.
[1961 c.454 §113]

398.172 Service of charges. The trial counsel to whom court-martial charges are referred for trial shall cause to be served upon the accused a copy of the charges upon which trial is to be had. In time of peace no person may, against his objection, be brought to trial before a general court-martial within a period of five days after the service of the charges upon him, or before a special court-martial within a period of three days after the service of the charges upon him.
[1961 c.454 §114]

TRIAL PROCEDURE

398.202 Procedural regulations. The procedure, including modes of proof, in cases before military courts and other military tribunals may be prescribed by the Governor by military department regulations, which shall, so far as he considers practicable, apply the principles of law and the rules of evidence generally recognized in the trial of criminal cases in the courts of the state, but which may not be contrary to or inconsistent with this chapter.
[1961 c.454 §115]

398.204 Unlawfully influencing action of court. No authority convening a general, special or summary court-martial nor any other commanding officer, or officer serving on the staff thereof, may censure, reprimand or admonish the court or any member, law officer or counsel thereof, with respect to the findings or sentence adjudged by the court, or with respect to any other exercise of its or his functions in the conduct of the proceeding. No person subject to this chapter may attempt to coerce or, by any unauthorized means, influence the action of the court-martial or any other military tribunal or any member thereof, in reaching the findings or sentence in any case, or the action of any convening, approving or reviewing authority with respect to his judicial acts.
[1961 c.454 §116]

398.206 Duties of trial counsel and defense counsel. (1) The trial counsel of a general or special court-martial shall prosecute in the name of the state and shall, under the direction of the court, prepare the record of the proceedings.

(2) The accused has the right to be represented in his defense before a general or special court-martial by civilian counsel if provided by him, or by military counsel of his own selection if reasonably available, or by the defense counsel detailed under ORS 398.136. Should the accused have counsel of his own selection, the defense counsel and assistant defense counsel, if any, who were detailed, shall, if the accused so desires, act as his associate counsel; otherwise they shall be excused by the president of the court.

(3) In every court-martial proceeding the defense counsel may, in the event of conviction, forward for attachment to the record of proceedings a brief of such matters as he feels should be considered in behalf of the accused on review, including any objection to the contents of the record which he considers appropriate.

(4) An assistant trial counsel of a general court-martial may, under the direction of the trial counsel or when he is qualified to be a trial counsel as required by ORS 398.136, perform any duty imposed by law, regulation or the custom of the service upon the trial counsel of the court. An assistant trial counsel of a special court-martial may perform any duty of the trial counsel.

(5) An assistant defense counsel of a general or special court-martial may, under the direction of the defense counsel or when he is qualified to be the defense counsel as required by ORS 398.136, perform any duty imposed by law, regulation or the custom of the service upon counsel for the accused.
[1961 c.454 §117]

398.208 Sessions. Whenever a general or special court-martial deliberates or votes, only the members of the court may be present. After a general court-martial has finally voted on the findings, the court may request the law officer and the reporter to appear before the court to put the findings in proper form, and those proceedings shall be on the record. All other proceedings, including any other consultation of the court with counsel or the law officer, shall be made a part of the record and shall be in the presence of the accused, the defense counsel, the trial counsel and, in general court-martial cases, the law officer.
[1961 c.454 §118]

398.210 Continuances. A court-martial may, for reasonable cause, grant a continuance to any party for such time, and as often, as may appear to be just.
[1961 c.454 §119]

398.212 Challenges. (1) Members of a general or special court-martial and the law officer of a general court-martial may be challenged by the accused or the trial counsel for cause stated to the court. The court shall determine the relevancy and validity of challenges for cause, and may not receive a challenge to more than one person at a time. Challenges by the trial counsel shall ordinarily be presented and decided before those by the accused are offered.

(2) Each accused and the trial counsel is entitled to one peremptory challenge, but the law officer may not be challenged except for cause.
[1961 c.454 §120]

398.214 Oaths. (1) The law officer, interpreters, and in general and special courts-martial, members, trial counsel, assistant trial counsel, defense counsel, assistant defense counsel and reporters shall take an oath or affirmation in the presence of the accused to perform their duties faithfully.

(2) Each witness before a military court shall be examined on oath or affirmation.
[1961 c.454 §121]

398.216 Statute of limitation. (1) A person charged with desertion or absence without leave in time of war, or with aiding the enemy or with mutiny, may be tried and punished at any time without limitation.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person charged with desertion in time of peace or the offense punishable under ORS 398.386 is not liable to be tried by court-martial if the offense was committed more than three years before the receipt of sworn charges and specifications by an officer exercising summary court-martial jurisdiction over the command.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person charged with any offense is not liable to be tried by court-martial or punished under ORS 398.082 if the offense was committed more than two years before the receipt of sworn charges and specifications by an officer exercising summary court-martial jurisdiction over the command or before the imposition of punishment under ORS 398.082.

(4) Periods in which the accused was absent from territory in which the state has the authority to apprehend him, or in the custody of civil authorities, or in the hands of the enemy, shall be excluded in computing the period of limitation prescribed in this section.
[1961 c.454 §122]

398.218 Former jeopardy. (1) No person may, without his consent, be tried a second time in any military court of the state for the same offense.

(2) No proceeding in which an accused has been found guilty by a court-martial upon any charge or specification is a trial in the sense of this section until the finding of guilty has become final after review of the case has been fully completed.

(3) A proceeding which, after the introduction of evidence but before a finding, is dismissed or terminated by the convening authority or on motion of the prosecution for failure of available evidence or witnesses without any fault of the accused is a trial in the sense of this section.
[1961 c.454 §123]

398.220 Pleas of accused. If an accused arraigned before a court-martial makes an irregular pleading, or after a plea of guilty sets up matter inconsistent with the plea, or if it appears that he has entered the plea of guilty improvidently or through lack of understanding of its meaning and effect, or if he fails or refuses to plead, a plea of not guilty shall be entered in the record, and the court shall proceed as though he had pleaded not guilty.
[1961 c.454 §124]

398.222 Opportunity to obtain witnesses and evidence. (1) The trial counsel, the defense counsel and the court-martial shall have equal opportunity to obtain witnesses and other evidence in accordance with such military department regulations as the Governor may prescribe.

(2) The president of a court-martial or a summary court officer may:

(a) Issue a warrant for the arrest of any accused person who, having been served with a warrant and a copy of the charges, disobeys a written order by the convening authority to appear before the court;

(b) Issue subpenas duces tecum and other subpenas;

(c) Enforce by attachment the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers; and

(d) Sentence for refusal to be sworn or to answer, as provided in actions before civil courts of the state.

(3) Process issued in court-martial cases to compel witnesses to appear and testify and to compel the production of other evidence shall run to any part of the state.
[1961 c.454 §125]

398.224 Refusal to appear or testify. Any person not subject to this chapter who:

(1) Has been duly subpenaed to appear as a witness or to produce books and records before a military court or before any military or civil officer designated to take a deposition to be read in evidence before such a court;

(2) Has been duly paid or tendered the fees and mileage of a witness at the rates allowed to witnesses attending the Supreme Court, circuit court, etc., of the state; and

(3) Wilfully neglects or refuses to appear, or refuses to qualify as a witness or to testify or to produce any evidence which that person may have been legally subpenaed to produce;

is guilty of an offense against the state and may be punished in the same manner as if committed before civil courts of the state.
[1961 c.454 §126]

398.226 Contempts. A military court may punish for contempt any person who uses any menacing word, sign or gesture in its presence, or who disturbs its proceedings by any riot or disorder. The punishment may not exceed confinement for 30 days or a fine of $100, or both.
[1961 c.454 §127]

398.228 Depositions. (1) At any time after charges have been signed, as provided in ORS 398.162, any party may take oral or written depositions unless an authority competent to convene a court-martial for the trial of those charges forbids it for good cause. If a deposition is to be taken before charges are referred for trial, such authority may designate commissioned officers to represent the prosecution and the defense and may authorize those officers to take the deposition of any witness.

(2) The party at whose instance a deposition is to be taken shall give to every other party reasonable written notice of the time and place for taking the deposition.

(3) Depositions may be taken before and authenticated by any military or civil officer authorized by the laws of the state or by the laws of the place where the deposition is taken to administer oaths.

(4) A duly authenticated deposition taken upon reasonable notice to the other parties, so far as otherwise admissible under the rules of evidence, may be read in evidence before any court-martial or in any proceeding before a court of inquiry, if it appears:

(a) That the witness resides or is beyond the state in which the court-martial or court of inquiry is ordered to sit, or beyond the distance of 100 miles from the place of hearing;

(b) That the witness by reason of death, age, sickness, bodily infirmity, imprisonment, military necessity, nonamenability to process, or other reasonable cause, is unable or refuses to appear and testify in person at the place of trial or hearing; or

(c) That the present whereabouts of the witness is unknown.
[1961 c.454 §128]

398.230 Admissibility of records of courts of inquiry. (1) In any case not extending to the dismissal of a commissioned officer, the sworn testimony, contained in the duly authenticated record of proceedings of a court of inquiry, of a person whose oral testimony cannot be obtained, may, if otherwise admissible under the rules of evidence, be read in evidence by any party before a court-martial if the accused was a party before the court of inquiry and if the same issue was involved or if the accused consents to the introduction of such evidence.

(2) Such testimony may be read in evidence only by the defense in cases extending to the dismissal of a commissioned officer.

(3) Such testimony may also be read in evidence before a court of inquiry or a military board.
[1961 c.454 §129]

398.232 Voting and rulings. (1) Voting by members of a general or special court-martial upon questions of challenge, on the findings and on the sentence shall be by secret written ballot. The junior member of the court shall in each case count the votes. The count shall be checked by the president, who shall forthwith announce the result of the ballot to the members of the court.

(2) The law officer of a general court-martial and the president of a special court-martial shall rule upon interlocutory questions, other than challenge, arising during the proceedings. Any such ruling made by the law officer of a general court-martial or by the president of a special court-martial who is a member of the bar of the state upon any interlocutory question of accused's sanity, is final and constitutes the ruling of the court. However, the law officer or president may change the ruling at any time during the trial except a ruling on a motion for a finding of not guilty that was granted. Unless the ruling is final, if any member objects thereto, the court shall be cleared and closed and the question decided by a voice vote as provided in ORS 398.234, beginning with the junior in rank.

(3) Before a vote is taken on the findings, the law officer of a general court-martial and the president of a special court-martial shall, in the presence of the accused and counsel, instruct the court as to the elements of the offense and charge the court:

(a) That the accused must be presumed to be innocent until his guilt is established by legal and competent evidence beyond reasonable doubt;

(b) That in the case being considered, if there is a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the accused, the doubt must be resolved in favor of the accused and he must be acquitted;

(c) That if there is a reasonable doubt as to the degree of guilt, the findings must be in a lower degree as to which there is no reasonable doubt; and

(d) That the burden of proof to establish the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt is upon the state.

[1961 c.454 §130]

398.234 Number of votes required. (1) No person may be convicted of an offense, except by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at the time the vote is taken.

(2) All sentences shall be determined by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at the time that the vote is taken.

(3) All other questions to be decided by the members of a general or special court-martial shall be determined by a majority vote. A tie vote on a challenge disqualifies the member challenged. A tie vote on a motion for a finding of not guilty or on a motion relating to the question of the accused's sanity is a determination against the accused. A tie vote on any other question is a determination in favor of the accused.

[1961 c.454 §131]

398.236 Court to announce action. A court-martial shall announce its findings and sentence to the parties as soon as determined.

[1961 c.454 §132]

398.238 Record of trial. (1) Each court-martial shall keep a separate record of the proceedings of the trial of each case brought before it and the record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the president and the law officer. If the record cannot be authenticated by either the president or the law officer, by reason of his death, disability or absence, it shall be signed by a member in lieu of him. If both the president and the law officer are unavailable, the record shall be authenticated by two members. A record of the proceedings of a trial in which the sentence adjudged includes a bad-conduct discharge or is more than that which could be adjudged by a special court-martial shall contain a complete verbatim account of the proceedings and testimony before the court. All other records of trial shall contain such matter and be authenticated in such manner as the Governor may, by military department regulation, prescribe.

(2) A copy of the record of the proceedings of each general and special court-martial shall be given to the accused as soon as it is authenticated. If a verbatim record of trial by general court-martial is not required by subsection (1) of this section, the accused may buy such a record under such military department regulations as the Governor may prescribe.

[1961 c.454 §133]

SENTENCES

398.252 Cruel and unusual punishments prohibited. Punishment by flogging, or by branding, marking or tattooing on the body, or any other cruel or unusual punishment, may not be adjudged by any court-martial or inflicted upon any person subject to this chapter. The use of irons, single or double, except for the purpose of safe custody, is prohibited.

[1961 c.454 §134]

398.254 Punishments limited. The punishments which a court-martial may direct

for an offense may not exceed limits prescribed by this chapter.
[1961 c.454 §135]

398.256 Effective date of sentence. (1) Whenever a sentence of a court-martial as lawfully adjudged and approved includes a forfeiture of pay or allowances in addition to confinement not suspended, the forfeiture may apply to pay or allowances becoming due on or after the date the sentence is approved by the convening authority. No forfeiture may extend to any pay or allowances accrued before that date.

(2) Any period of confinement included in a sentence of a court-martial begins to run from the date the sentence is adjudged by the court-martial but periods during which the sentence to confinement is suspended shall be excluded in computing the service of the term of confinement. Regulations prescribed by the Governor may provide that sentences of confinement may not be executed until approved by designated officers.

(3) All other sentences of courts-martial are effective on the date ordered executed.
[1961 c.454 §136]

398.258 Execution of confinement. (1) A sentence of confinement adjudged by a military court, whether or not the sentence includes discharge or dismissal, and whether or not the discharge or dismissal has been executed, may be carried into execution by confinement in any place of confinement under the control of any of the forces of the organized militia or in any jail, penitentiary or prison designated for that purpose. Persons so confined in a jail, penitentiary or prison are subject to the same discipline and treatment as persons confined or committed to the jail, penitentiary or prison by the courts of the state or of any political subdivision thereof.

(2) The omission of the words "hard labor" from any sentence or punishment of a court-martial adjudging confinement does not deprive the authority executing that sentence or punishment of the power to require hard labor as a part of the punishment.

(3) The keepers, officers and wardens of city or county jails and of other jails, penitentiaries or prisons designated by the Governor, or by such person as he may authorize to act under ORS 398.060, shall receive persons ordered into confinement before trial and persons committed to confinement by a military court and shall confine them according to law. No such keeper, officer or warden may require payment of any fee or charge for so receiving or confining a person.
[1961 c.454 §137]

REVIEW OF COURTS-MARTIAL

398.272 Approval and execution or suspension of sentence. Except as provided in ORS 398.112 and 398.282, a court-martial sentence, unless suspended, may be ordered executed by the convening authority when approved by him. He shall approve the sentence or such part, amount or commuted form of the sentence as he sees fit, and may suspend the execution of the sentence as approved by him.
[1961 c.454 §138]

398.274 Initial review and action on trial record. (1) After a trial by court-martial the record shall be forwarded to the convening authority, as reviewing authority, and action thereon may be taken by the person who convened the court, a commissioned officer commanding for the time being, a successor in command or by the Governor.

(2) The convening authority shall refer the record of each general court-martial to the State Judge Advocate, who shall submit his written opinion thereon to the convening authority. If the final action of the court has resulted in an acquittal of all charges and specifications, the opinion shall be limited to questions of jurisdiction.
[1961 c.454 §§139, 140]

398.276 Reconsideration and revision of court's ruling. (1) If a specification before a court-martial has been dismissed on motion and the ruling does not amount to a finding of not guilty, the convening authority may return the record to the court for reconsideration of the ruling and any further appropriate action.

(2) Where there is an apparent error or omission in the record or where the record shows improper or inconsistent action by a court-martial with respect to a finding or sentence which can be rectified without material prejudice to the substantial rights of the accused, the convening authority may return the record to the court for appropriate action. In no case, however, may the record be returned:

(a) For reconsideration of a finding of not guilty of any specification, or a ruling which amounts to a finding of not guilty;

(b) For reconsideration of a finding of

not guilty of any charge, unless the record shows a finding of guilty under a specification laid under that charge, which sufficiently alleges a violation of some section of this chapter; or

(c) For increasing the severity of the sentence unless the sentence prescribed for the offense is mandatory.
[1961 c.454 §141]

398.278 Rehearings. (1) If the convening authority disapproves the findings and sentence of a court-martial he may, except where there is lack of sufficient evidence in the record to support the findings, order a rehearing. In such a case he shall state the reasons for disapproval. If he disapproves the findings and sentence and does not order a rehearing, he shall dismiss the charges.

(2) Each rehearing shall take place before a court-martial composed of members not members of the court-martial which first heard the case. Upon a rehearing the accused may not be tried for any offense of which he was found not guilty by the first court-martial, and no sentence in excess of or more severe than the original sentence may be imposed, unless the sentence is based upon a finding of guilty of an offense not considered upon the merits in the original proceedings, or unless the sentence prescribed for the offense is mandatory.
[1961 c.454 §142]

398.280 Approval by convening authority. In acting on the findings and sentence of a court-martial, the convening authority may approve only such findings of guilty, and the sentence or such part or amount of the sentence, as he finds correct in law and fact and as he in his discretion determines should be approved. Unless he indicated otherwise, approval of the sentence is approval of the findings and sentence.
[1961 c.454 §143]

398.282 Review of records; disposition. (1) If the convening authority is the Governor, his action on the review of any record of trial is final.

(2) In all other cases not covered by subsection (1) of this section, if the sentence of a special court-martial as approved by the convening authority includes a bad-conduct discharge, whether or not suspended, the entire record shall be sent to the appropriate staff judge advocate or legal officer of the state force concerned to be reviewed in the same manner as a record of trial by general court-martial. The record and the opinion of the staff judge advocate or legal officer shall then be sent to the State Judge Advocate for review.

(3) All other special and summary court-martial records shall be sent to the law specialist or legal officer of the appropriate force of the organized militia and shall be acted upon, transmitted, and disposed of as may be prescribed by military department regulations prescribed by the Governor.

(4) The State Judge Advocate shall review the record of trial in each case sent to him for review as provided under subsection (3) of this section. If the final action of the court-martial has resulted in an acquittal of all charges and specifications, the opinion of the State Judge Advocate shall be limited to questions of jurisdiction.

(5) The State Judge Advocate shall take final action in any case reviewable by him.

(6) In a case reviewable by the State Judge Advocate under this section, the State Judge Advocate may act only with respect to the findings and sentence as approved by the convening authority. He may affirm only such findings of guilty, and the sentence or such part or amount of the sentence, as he finds correct in law and fact and determines, on the basis of the entire record, should be approved. In considering the record he may weigh the evidence, judge the credibility of witnesses and determine controverted questions of fact, recognizing that the trial court saw and heard the witnesses. If the State Judge Advocate sets aside the findings and sentence, he may, except where the setting aside is based on lack of sufficient evidence in the record to support the findings, order a rehearing. If he sets aside the findings and sentence and does not order a rehearing, he shall order that the charges be dismissed.

(7) In a case reviewable by the State Judge Advocate under this section, he shall instruct the convening authority to act in accordance with his decision on the review. If he has ordered a rehearing but the convening authority finds a rehearing impracticable, he may dismiss the charges.

(8) The State Judge Advocate may order one or more boards of review each composed of not less than three commissioned officers of the organized militia, each of whom must be a member of the bar of the highest court of the state. Each board of review shall review the record of any trial by special court-martial, including a sentence to a bad-conduct discharge, referred to it by the State

Judge Advocate. Boards of review have the same authority on review as the State Judge Advocate has under this section.
[1961 c.454 §144]

398.284 Error of law; lesser included offense. (1) A finding or sentence of a court-martial may not be held incorrect on the ground of an error of law unless the error materially prejudices the substantial rights of the accused.

(2) Any reviewing authority with the power to approve or affirm a finding of guilty may approve or affirm so much of the finding as includes a lesser included offense.
[1961 c.454 §145]

398.286 Review counsel. (1) Upon the final review of a sentence of a general court-martial or of a sentence to a bad-conduct discharge, the accused has the right to be represented by counsel before the reviewing authority, before the staff judge advocate or legal officer, as the case may be, and before the State Judge Advocate.

(2) Upon the request of an accused entitled to be so represented, the State Judge Advocate shall appoint a lawyer who is a member of the organized militia and who has the qualifications prescribed in ORS 398.136, if available, to represent the accused before the reviewing authority, before the staff judge advocate or legal officer, as the case may be, and before the State Judge Advocate, in the review of cases specified in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) If provided by him, an accused entitled to be so represented may be represented by civilian counsel before the reviewing authority, before the staff judge advocate or legal officer, as the case may be, and before the State Judge Advocate.
[1961 c.454 §146]

398.288 Vacation of suspension. (1) Before the vacation of the suspension of a special court-martial sentence which as approved includes a bad-conduct discharge, or of any general court-martial sentence, the officer having special court-martial jurisdiction over the probationer shall hold a hearing on the alleged violation of probation. The probationer shall be represented at the hearing by counsel if he so desires.

(2) The record of the hearing and the recommendation of the officer having special court-martial jurisdiction shall be sent for action to the Governor in cases involving a general court-martial sentence and to the commanding officer of the force of the organized militia of which the probationer is a member in all other cases covered by subsection (1) of this section. If the Governor or commanding officer vacates the suspension, any unexecuted part of the sentence except a dismissal shall be executed.

(3) The suspension of any other sentence may be vacated by any authority competent to convene, for the command in which the accused is serving or assigned, a court of the kind that imposed the sentence.
[1961 c.454 §147]

398.290 Petition for new trial. At any time within two years after approval by the convening authority of a court-martial sentence which extends to dismissal, dishonorable or bad-conduct discharge, the accused may petition the Governor for a new trial on ground of newly discovered evidence or fraud on the court-martial.
[1961 c.454 §148]

398.292 Remission and suspension. (1) A convening authority may remit or suspend any part or amount of the unexecuted part of any sentence, including all uncollected forfeitures.

(2) The Governor may, for good cause, substitute an administrative form of discharge for a discharge or dismissal executed in accordance with the sentence of a court-martial.
[1961 c.454 §149]

398.294 Restoration. (1) Under such military department regulations as the Governor may prescribe, all rights, privileges and property affected by an executed part of a court-martial sentence which has been set aside or disapproved, except an executed dismissal or discharge, shall be restored unless a new trial or rehearing is ordered and such executed part is included in a sentence imposed upon the new trial or rehearing.

(2) If a previously executed sentence of dishonorable or bad-conduct discharge is not imposed on a new trial, the Governor shall substitute therefor a form of discharge authorized for administrative issuance unless the accused is to serve out the remainder of his enlistment.

(3) If a previously executed sentence of dismissal is not imposed on a new trial, the Governor shall substitute therefor a form of discharge authorized for administrative issue, and the commissioned officer dismissed by that sentence may be reappointed by the

Governor alone to such commissioned grade and with such rank as in the opinion of the Governor that former officer would have attained had he not been dismissed. The reappointment of such former officer may be made if a position vacancy is available under applicable tables of organization. All time between the dismissal and the reappointment shall be considered as service for all purposes.
[1961 c.454 §150]

398.296 Finality of proceedings, findings and sentences. The proceedings, findings and sentences of court-martial as reviewed and approved, as required by this chapter, and all dismissals and discharges carried into execution under sentences by court-martial following review and approval, as required by this chapter, are final and conclusive. Orders publishing the proceedings of court-martial and all action taken pursuant to those proceedings are binding upon all departments, courts, agencies and officers of the state, subject only to action upon a petition for a new trial as provided in ORS 398.290.
[1961 c.454 §151]

PUNITIVE PROVISIONS

398.302 When persons may be tried or punished. No person may be tried or punished for any offense provided for in ORS 398.304 to 398.390, unless it was committed while he was in a duty status.
[1961 c.454 §152]

398.304 Principals. Any person subject to this chapter who:

(1) Commits an offense punishable by this chapter, or aids, abets, counsels, commands or procures its commission; or

(2) Causes an act to be done which if directly performed by him would be punishable by this chapter;

is a principal.
[1961 c.454 §153]

398.306 Accessory after fact. Any person subject to this chapter who, knowing that an offense punishable by this chapter has been committed, receives, comforts or assists the offender in order to hinder or prevent his apprehension, trial or punishment shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §154]

398.308 Conviction of lesser included offense. An accused may be found guilty of an offense necessarily included in the offense charged or of an attempt to commit either the offense charged or an offense necessarily included therein.
[1961 c.454 §155]

398.310 Attempts. (1) An act done with specific intent to commit an offense under this chapter, amounting to more than mere preparation and tending even though failing to effect its commission, is an attempt to commit that offense.

(2) Any person subject to this chapter who attempts to commit any offense punishable by this chapter shall be punished as a court-martial may direct, unless otherwise specifically prescribed.

(3) Any person subject to this chapter may be convicted of an attempt to commit an offense although it appears on the trial that the offense was consummated.
[1961 c.454 §156]

398.312 Conspiracy. Any person subject to this chapter who conspires with any other person to commit an offense under this chapter shall, if one or more of the conspirators does an act to effect the object of the conspiracy, be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §157]

398.314 Solicitation. (1) Any person subject to this chapter who solicits or advises another or others to desert in violation of ORS 398.320 or mutiny in violation of ORS 398.338 shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(2) Any person subject to this chapter who solicits or advises another or others to commit an act of misbehavior before the enemy in violation of ORS 398.348 or sedition in violation of ORS 398.338 shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §158]

398.316 Fraudulent enlistment, appointment or separation. Any person who:

(1) Procures his own enlistment or appointment in the organized militia by knowingly false representation or deliberate concealment as to his qualifications for that enlistment or appointment and receives pay or allowances thereunder; or

(2) Procures his own separation from the organized militia by knowingly false representation or deliberate concealment as to his eligibility for that separation;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §159]

398.318 Unlawful enlistment, appointment or separation. Any person subject to this chapter who effects an enlistment or appointment in or a separation from the organized militia of any person who is known to him to be ineligible for that enlistment, appointment or separation because it is prohibited by law, regulation or order shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §160]

398.320 Desertion. (1) Any member of the organized militia who:

(a) Without authority goes or remains absent from his unit, organization or place of duty with intent to remain away therefrom permanently;

(b) Quits his unit, organization or place of duty with intent to avoid hazardous duty or to shirk important service; or

(c) Without being regularly separated from one of the forces of the organized militia enlists or accepts an appointment in the same or another one of the forces of the organized militia without fully disclosing the fact that he has not been regularly separated;

is guilty of desertion.

(2) Any commissioned officer of the organized militia who, after tender of his resignation and before notice of its acceptance, quits his post or proper duties without leave and with intent to remain away therefrom permanently is guilty of desertion.

(3) Any person found guilty of desertion or attempt to desert shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §161]

398.322 Absence without leave. Any person subject to this chapter who, without authority:

(1) Fails to go to his appointed place of duty at the time prescribed;

(2) Goes from that place; or

(3) Absents himself or remains absent from his unit, organization or place of duty at which he is required to be at the time prescribed;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §162]

398.324 Failure to make required move. Any person subject to this chapter who through neglect or design misses the movement of a ship, aircraft or unit with which he is required in the course of duty to move shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §163]

398.326 Contempt toward officials. Any person subject to this chapter who uses contemptuous words against the President, the Governor or the legislature of this state, or the Governor or legislature of any state, territory, commonwealth or possession wherein that person may be serving, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §164]

398.328 Disrespect toward superior commissioned officer. Any person subject to this chapter who behaves with disrespect toward his superior commissioned officer shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §165]

398.330 Assaulting or wilfully disobeying superior commissioned officer. Any person subject to this chapter who:

(1) Strikes his superior commissioned officer or draws or lifts up any weapon or offers any violence against him while he is in the execution of his office; or

(2) Wilfully disobeys a lawful command of his superior commissioned officer;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §166]

398.332 Insubordinate conduct toward warrant officer or noncommissioned officer. Any warrant officer or enlisted member who:

(1) Strikes or assaults a warrant officer or noncommissioned officer while that officer is in the execution of his office;

(2) Wilfully disobeys the lawful order of a warrant officer or noncommissioned officer; or

(3) Treats with contempt or is disrespectful in language or deportment toward a warrant officer or noncommissioned officer while that officer is in the execution of his office;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §167]

398.334 Failure to obey order or regulation. Any person subject to this chapter who:

(1) Violates or fails to obey any lawful general order or regulation;

(2) Having knowledge of any other lawful order issued by a member of the organized militia, which it is his duty to obey, fails to obey the order; or

(3) Is derelict in the performance of his duties;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §168]

398.336 Cruelty and maltreatment. Any person subject to this chapter who is guilty of cruelty toward, or oppression or maltreatment of, any person subject to his orders shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §169]

398.338 Mutiny or sedition. (1) Any person subject to this chapter who:

(a) With intent to usurp or override lawful military authority refuses, in concert with any other person, to obey orders or otherwise do his duty or creates any violence or disturbance is guilty of mutiny;

(b) With intent to cause the overthrow or destruction of lawful civil authority, creates, in concert with any other person, revolt, violence or other disturbance against that authority is guilty of sedition;

(c) Fails to do his utmost to prevent and suppress a mutiny or sedition being committed in his presence, or fails to take all reasonable means to inform his superior commissioned officer or commanding officer of a mutiny or sedition which he knows or has reason to believe is taking place, is guilty of a failure to suppress or report a mutiny or sedition.

(2) A person who is found guilty of attempted mutiny, mutiny, sedition or failure to suppress or report a mutiny or sedition, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §170]

398.340 Resistance, breach of arrest and escape. Any person subject to this chapter who resists apprehension or breaks arrest or who escapes from physical restraint lawfully imposed shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §171]

398.342 Releasing prisoner without proper authority. Any person subject to this chapter who, without proper authority, releases any prisoner committed to his charge, or who through neglect or design suffers any such prisoner to escape, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct, whether or not the prisoner was committed in strict compliance with law.
[1961 c.454 §172]

398.344 Unlawful detention. Any person subject to this chapter who, except as provided by law or regulation, apprehends, arrests or confines any person shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §173]

398.346 Noncompliance with procedural rules. Any person subject to this chapter who:

(1) Is responsible for unnecessary delay in the disposition of any case of a person accused of an offense under this chapter; or

(2) Knowingly and intentionally fails to enforce or comply with any provision of this chapter regulating the proceedings before, during or after trial of an accused;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §174]

398.348 Misbehavior before enemy. Any person subject to this chapter who before or in the presence of the enemy:

(1) Runs away;

(2) Shamefully abandons, surrenders or delivers up any command, unit, place or military property which it is his duty to defend;

(3) Through disobedience, neglect or intentional misconduct endangers the safety of any such command, unit, place or military property;

(4) Casts away his arms or ammunition;

(5) Is guilty of cowardly conduct;

(6) Quits his place of duty to plunder or pillage;

(7) Causes false alarms in any command, unit or place under control of the Armed Forces of the United States or the organized militia;

(8) Wilfully fails to do his utmost to encounter, engage, capture or destroy any enemy troops, combatants, vessels, aircraft or any other thing, which it is his duty so to encounter, engage, capture or destroy; or

(9) Does not afford all practicable relief and assistance to any troops, combatants, vessels or aircraft of the Armed Forces belonging to the United States or their allies, to this state or to any other state, when engaged in battle;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §175]

398.350 Subordinate compelling surrender. Any person subject to this chapter who compels or attempts to compel the commander of any force of the organized militia of this state or of any other state to give it up to an enemy or to abandon it, or who strikes the colors or flag to any enemy without proper authority, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §176]

398.352 Improper use of countersign. Any person subject to this chapter who in time of war discloses the parole or countersign to any person not entitled to receive it, or who gives to another who is entitled to receive and use the parole or countersign a different parole or countersign from that which, to his knowledge, he was authorized and required to give, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §177]

398.354 Forcing safeguard. Any person subject to this chapter who forces a safeguard shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §178]

398.356 Captured or abandoned property. (1) All persons subject to this chapter shall secure all public property taken from the enemy for the service of the United States, and shall give notice and turn over to the proper authority without delay all captured or abandoned property in their possession, custody or control.

(2) Any person subject to this chapter who:

(a) Fails to carry out the duties prescribed in subsection (1) of this section;

(b) Buys, sells, trades or in any way deals in or disposes of, captured or abandoned property, whereby he receives or expects any profit, benefit or advantage to himself or another directly or indirectly connected with himself; or

(c) Engages in looting or pillaging;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §179]

398.358 Aiding enemy. Any person subject to this chapter who:

(1) Aids, or attempts to aid, the enemy with arms, ammunition, supplies, money or other things; or

(2) Without proper authority, knowingly harbors or protects or gives intelligence to, or communicates or corresponds with or holds any intercourse with the enemy, either directly or indirectly;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §180]

398.360 Misconduct as prisoner. Any person subject to this chapter who, while in the hands of the enemy in time of war:

(1) For the purpose of securing favorable treatment by his captors acts without proper authority in a manner contrary to law, custom or regulation, to the detriment of others of whatever nationality held by the enemy as civilian or military prisoners; or

(2) While in a position of authority over such persons maltreats them without justifiable cause;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §181]

398.362 False official statements. Any person subject to this chapter, who, with intent to deceive, signs any false record, return, regulation, order or other official document, knowing it to be false, or makes any other false official statement knowing it to be false, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §182]

398.366 Loss, damage, destruction or wrongful disposition of military property. Any person subject to this chapter who, without proper authority:

(1) Sells or otherwise disposes of;

(2) Wilfully or through neglect damages, destroys or loses; or

(3) Wilfully or through neglect suffers to be lost, damaged, destroyed, sold or wrongfully disposed of;

any military property of the United States or of the state, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §183]

398.368 Waste, spoilage or destruction of property other than military. Any person subject to this chapter who, while in a duty status, wilfully or recklessly wastes, spoils or otherwise wilfully and wrongfully destroys or damages any property other than military property of the United States or of the state shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §184]

398.370 Improper hazarding of vessel. (1) Any person subject to this chapter who wilfully and wrongfully hazards or suffers to be hazarded any vessel of the Armed Forces of the United States or of the organized militia shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(2) Any person subject to this chapter who negligently hazards or suffers to be hazarded any vessel of the Armed Forces of the United States or of the organized militia shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §185]

398.372 Drunken or reckless driving. Any person subject to this chapter who operates any vehicle while drunk, or in a reckless or wanton manner, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §186]

398.374 Drunk on duty; sleeping on post; leaving post before relief. Any person subject to this chapter who is found drunk on duty or sleeping upon his post, or who leaves his post before he is regularly relieved, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §187]

398.376 Dueling. Any person subject to this chapter who fights or promotes, or is concerned in or connives at fighting a duel, or who, having knowledge of a challenge sent or about to be sent, fails to report the fact promptly to the proper authority, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §188]

398.378 Malingering. Any person subject to this chapter who for the purpose of avoiding work duty or service in the organized militia:

(1) Feigns illness, physical disablement, mental lapse or derangement; or

(2) Intentionally inflicts self-injury;

shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §189]

398.380 Riot or breach of peace. Any person subject to this chapter who causes or participates in any riot or breach of the peace shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §190]

398.382 Provoking speeches or gestures. Any person subject to this chapter who uses provoking or reproachful words or gestures towards any other person subject to this chapter shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §191]

398.384 Stealing goods of less than $75 value. Any person subject to this chapter who wrongfully and fraudulently takes and carries away the personal goods of another, of the value of less than $75, with intent to steal it, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §194]

398.386 Perjury. Any person subject to this chapter who in a judicial proceeding or in a course of justice conducted under this chapter wilfully and corruptly gives, upon a lawful oath or in any form allowed by law to be substituted for an oath, any false testimony material to the issue or matter of inquiry is guilty of perjury and shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §192]

398.388 Frauds against the government. Any person subject to this chapter:

(1) Who, knowing it to be false or fraudulent:

(a) Makes any claim against the United States, the state or any officer thereof; or

(b) Presents to any person in the civil or military service thereof, for approval or payment, any claim against the United States, the state, or any officer thereof;

(2) Who, for the purpose of obtaining the approval, allowance, or payment of any claim against the United States, the state or any officer thereof:

(a) Makes or uses any writing or other paper knowing it to contain any false or fraudulent statements;

(b) Makes any oath to any fact or to any writing or other paper knowing the oath to be false; or

(c) Forges or counterfeits any signature upon any writing or other paper, or uses any such signature knowing it to be forged or counterfeited;

(3) Who, having charge, possession, custody or control of any money or other property of the United States or the state, furnished or intended for the Armed Forces of the United States or the organized militia or any force thereof, knowingly delivers to any person having authority to receive it, any amount thereof less than that for which he receives a certificate or receipt; or

(4) Who, being authorized to make or deliver any paper certifying the receipt of any property of the United States or the state, furnished or intended for the Armed Forces of the United States or the organized militia or any force thereof, makes or delivers to any person such writing without having full knowledge of the truth of the statements therein contained and with intent to defraud the United States or the state;

shall upon conviction, be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §193]

398.390 Conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman. Any commissioned officer who is convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.
[1961 c.454 §195]

398.392 General article. Though not specifically mentioned in this chapter, all disorders and neglects to the prejudice of good order and discipline in the organized militia, of which persons subject to this chapter may be guilty, shall be taken cognizance of by a general, special, or summary court-martial, according to the nature and degree of the offense, and shall be punished at the discretion of that court. However, cognizance may not be taken and jurisdiction may not be extended to the crimes of murder, manslaughter, rape, larceny and wrongful appropriation for value of $75 and over, robbery, maiming, sodomy, arson, extortion, assault, burglary or housebreaking, jurisdiction of which is reserved to civil courts, except as provided in ORS 398.116.
[1961 c.454 §196]

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

398.402 Courts of inquiry. (1) Courts of inquiry to investigate any matter may be convened by the Governor or by any other person designated by the Governor for that purpose, whether or not the persons involved have requested such an inquiry.

(2) A court of inquiry consists of three or more commissioned officers. For each court of inquiry the convening authority shall also appoint counsel for the court.

(3) Any person subject to this chapter whose conduct is subject to inquiry shall be designated as a party. Any person subject to this chapter or employed in the State Military Department, who has a direct interest in the subject of inquiry has the right to be designated as a party upon request of the court. Any person designated as a party shall be given due notice and has the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, to cross-examine witnesses and to introduce evidence.

(4) Members of a court of inquiry may be challenged by a party, but only for cause stated to the court.

(5) The members, counsel, the reporter and interpreters of courts of inquiry shall take an oath of affirmation to faithfully perform their duties.

(6) Witnesses may be summoned to appear and testify and be examined before courts of inquiry, as provided for courts-martial.

(7) Courts of inquiry shall make findings of fact but may not express opinions or make recommendations unless required to do so by the convening authority.

(8) Each court of inquiry shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be authenticated by the signatures of the president and counsel for the court and forwarded to the convening authority. If the record cannot be authenticated by the president, it shall be signed by a member in lieu of the president. If the record cannot be authenticated by the counsel for the court, it shall be signed by a member in lieu of the counsel.
[1961 c.454 §197]

398.404 Redress of injuries to property. (1) Whenever complaint is made to any commanding officer that wilful damage has been done to the property of any person or that his property has been wrongfully taken by members of the organized militia, he may, subject to such military department regulations as the Governor may prescribe, convene a board to investigate the complaint. The board shall consist of from one to three officers and, for the purpose of that investigation, it has power to summon witnesses and examine them upon oath or affirmation, to receive depositions or other documentary evidence, and to assess the damages sustained against the responsible parties. The assessment of damages made by the board is subject to the approval of the commanding officer, and in the amount approved by him shall be charged against the pay of the offenders. The order of the commanding officer directing charges herein authorized is conclusive, except as provided in subsection

(3) of this section, on any disbursing officer for the payment by him to the injured parties of the damages so assessed and approved.

(2) If the offenders cannot be ascertained, but the organization or detachment to which they belong is known, charges totaling the amount of damages assessed and approved may be paid to the injured parties from the military fund of the unit or units of the organized militia to which such offenders belonged.

(3) Any person subject to this chapter who is accused of causing wilful damage to property has the right to be represented by counsel, to summon witnesses in his behalf and to cross-examine those appearing against him. He has the right to appeal to the next higher commander.
[1961 c.454 §201]

398.406 Execution of process and sentence. In the organized militia not in federal service, the processes and sentences of its courts-martial shall be executed by the civil officers prescribed by the laws of the state. Where no provision is made for executing those processes and sentences, the process or sentence shall be executed by a United States Marshal or deputy marshal, who shall make a return to the military officer issuing the process or the court imposing the sentence, pursuant to section 333 of title 32, United States Code.
[1961 c.454 §202]

398.408 Process of military courts. (1) Military courts may issue all process and mandates necessary to carry into effect the powers vested in those courts. Such courts may issue subpenas and subpenas duces tecum and enforce by attachment attendance of witnesses and production of books and records, when the courts are sitting within the state and the witnesses, books and records sought are also so located.

(2) Such process and mandates may be issued by summary courts-martial, provost courts or the president of other military courts and may be directed to and may be executed by the marshals of the military court or any peace officer and shall be in such form as may be prescribed by military department regulations issued under this chapter.

(3) All officers to whom such process or mandates may be so directed shall execute them and make return of their acts thereunder according to the requirements of those documents. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, no such officer may demand or require payment of any fee or charge for receiving, executing or returning such a process or mandate or for any service in connection therewith.
[1961 c.454 §203]

398.410 Payment of fines and disposition thereof. Fines may be paid to a military court or to an officer executing its process. The amount of such a fine may be noted upon any state roll or account for pay of the delinquent and deducted from any pay or allowance due or thereafter to become due him, until the fine is liquidated. Any sum so deducted shall be turned in to the military court which imposed the fine and shall be paid over by the officer receiving it in like manner as provided for other fines and moneys collected under a sentence of a summary court-martial. Notwithstanding any other law, a fine or penalty imposed by a military court upon an officer or enlisted man shall be paid by the officer collecting it within 30 days to the State Treasurer and shall be deposited in the General Fund in the State Treasury, to be available for general governmental expenses.
[1961 c.454 §204; 1963 c.169 §7]

398.412 Immunity for action of military courts. No action or proceeding may be prosecuted against the convening authority or a member of a military court or officer or person acting under its authority or reviewing its proceedings because of the approval, imposition, or execution of any sentence or the imposition or collection of a fine or penalty, or the execution of any process or mandate of a military court.
[1961 c.454 §205]

398.414 Presumption of jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the military courts and boards established by this chapter shall be presumed and the burden of proof rests on any person seeking to oust those courts or boards of jurisdiction in any action or proceeding.
[1961 c.454 §206]

398.416 Delegation of authority by Governor. The Governor may delegate any authority vested in him under this chapter, and may provide for the subdelegation of any such authority, except with respect to the power given him by ORS 398.112 and 398.126.
[1961 c.454 §207]

CERTIFICATE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Pursuant to ORS 173.170, I, Sam R. Haley, Legislative Counsel, do hereby certify that I have compared each section printed in this chapter with the original section in the enrolled bill, and that the sections in this chapter are correct copies of the enrolled sections, with the exception of the changes in form permitted by ORS 173.160 and other changes specifically authorized by law.

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