

Book X.
Title LVI.

From what liturgies those are exempt who after their period of service or advocacy live in the provinces enjoying their freedom and concerning their privileges.

(Quibus muneribus excusantur ii, qui post impletam militiam vel advocacionem per provinciis suis commodis vacantes commorantur et de privilegiis eorum.)

10.56.1.

Those who have completed their period of (civil) service or advocacy, shall, besides other privileges already belonging to them, not be compelled to attend to the purchase of grain or oil, the inspection of public works, the keeping of accounts, to represent the city, to serve as father of the city or as curator (of the city) or to supervise the food supplies. 1. They shall not be compelled to meet the presidents outside of the gates, in any place where they want to live, or attend assemblies against their wish; they shall not be nominated to any position, or be compelled to nominate anyone else thereto, or pay extraordinary levies, because it is customary, or for spectacles. 2. They shall, besides, have one house exempt from quartering of soldiers who pass through or have been stationed there, reserving in addition the proper exemption to those who have received a title (dignity), for the present constitution increases and does not curtail former benefits. 3. They shall, however, pay the public taxes, honor the presidents, and in turn receive honor from them. 4. Persons who violate any provision contained in this constitution, or permit it to be violated, shall be punished by a fine of fifty pounds of gold.

Note.

The instant law mentions other privileges possessed by veterans. The exemptions from liturgies here granted were mostly personal ones and some patrimonial ones. If we were to judge from the enumerated exemptions here given, the former exemptions were rather limited, which seems contrary to what was said in note to C. 10.55.2. It is altogether probable, however, as stated by Abbott & Johnson, Munic. Adm. 107, that veterans had actually had large privileges, but these were frequently ignored, and the law had been particularly violated in imposing upon these veterans the liturgies here enumerated, and it was deemed advisable to reiterate the exemptions given therefrom.