

to satisfactorily and fully complete indexing of the journals, and in case such work is not so completed, a sufficient sum shall be reserved from the pay of the clerk, who may make the default to insure the completion of their work.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 360.

AN ACT relating to the commitment, care and custody of epileptics, feeble-minded and idiots to the Wisconsin home for feeble-minded, and to provide for charges for the support of persons so committed.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall appear that any feeble-minded, epileptic or idiotic person is dangerous to be at large because of his or her vicious and demoralizing acts or tendencies, or whenever it shall appear that any feeble-minded female of child-bearing age, is by reason of her condition, a menace to society, it shall be the duty of any supervisor of the town, city, village or ward in which such person may reside, to take measures to have such person brought before the county judge, pursuant to law.

Arrest of vicious feeble-minded persons.

SECTION 2. All persons resident of this state, who may be committed to said home for feeble-minded, shall be maintained therein at the expense of the state; but the county in which any

Cost of maintenance; how and by whom paid.

such person last resided before being brought to the home, shall pay one dollar and fifty cents per week for his or her support and thirty dollars per year for the clothing to be supplied such person. The relatives, friends or guardians of any epileptic, feeble-minded or idiotic person shall, however, have the privilege of paying his or her maintenance and clothing, or any part thereof; and the accounts of such persons shall be credited with any sum so paid. This charge shall also be made for the maintenance of any persons transferred by the board of control, in accordance with section 7, chapter 138, laws of 1895, or any other statute.

Clothing to be furnished each patient.

SECTION 3. The clothing to be furnished to such epileptic, feeble-minded or idiotic person, before being sent to the home for feeble-minded, shall not be less than the following: One overcoat, cloak or cape; one hat or cap; two suits of clothes or two dresses; three handkerchiefs; three complete suits of underclothing suitable for the season when admitted, including skirts for females and all other necessary garments; four pairs of socks or stockings; one good pair of shoes. All of these articles to be of good quality and in good condition. Unless such clothing be delivered in good order, the superintendent shall not be bound to receive the person thus committed, but he may receive and furnish him with proper clothing, charging the price thereof to the proper county, which shall not be included in the thirty dollars per year, specified in section 5, of this act.

Examination of brain after death to be made.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the superintendent, whenever any properly committed inmate of said home shall die, to cause an examination to be made upon the brain of such deceased inmate, if in his judgment such post-mortem examination may prove of benefit to scientific research and investigation. Such examination to be made in the institution where such patient has been confined and the examination shall be made by the physician in charge.

SECTION 5. On the first day of October, in each year, the superintendent shall send notices to the county clerks of the number of inmates in the home from their respective counties, and for whose support such counties are liable, and on or before said day, the superintendent shall certify to the secretary of state, the amount, not previously certified by him, due the home from the several counties, separately, according to the provisions of this chapter, and the secretary of state shall pass the same to the credit of the Wisconsin home for feeble-minded. The secretary of state shall thereupon notify the county clerk of each county so indebted, of the amount thereof, and charge the same to said county and add the same to the next state tax to be apportioned to said county, to be collected therewith. He shall also certify to the state board of control the several amounts thus credited to the home.

Notice, to county clerks to be sent annually by the Supt. of the home.

SECTION 6. The superintendent of the home, with the approval of the board of control, shall have power to discharge inmates, but no epileptic inmate shall at any time thereafter be sent or returned to any poorhouse. In case any person, not an epileptic, shall be sent to the home through mistake in the diagnosis of his disease, or from any other cause, to be determined by the board of control, acting as a commission in lunacy, and received there, such person shall be returned to, and the traveling expenses of such return shall be paid by the county from which such inmate was sent to the home. Should an epileptic become insane, such person shall be sent to the state hospital for the insane in the district of which he was a resident just prior to his admission to the home, in the manner prescribed by law. The bill for the reasonable expense incurred in the transportation of the epileptic patient to and from the state hospital shall be paid by the county of which such person was a resident at the time of his admission to the home.

Power to discharge inmates.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 361.

AN ACT relating to use and ownership of waterworks and lighting works by cities and villages.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Authorizing cities and villages to make contracts for light and water.

SECTION 1. Whenever any city or village in this state shall legally pass or adopt any ordinance authorizing any person or persons, corporation or corporations, to construct and operate any system of waterworks, or any system or systems of lighting, or both, in such city or village, and shall legally make and enter into a contract or contracts with such person or persons, corporation or corporations, for the use of water for fire protection, and other purposes, or for the use of lights of any kind furnished by such lighting system or systems, or both, it shall be lawful for such city or village, to levy upon the taxable property of such city or village, in each year, an amount sufficient to pay for the use of such water and lights, during such year. When any such contract or contracts have heretofore been made or shall hereafter be made, the common council of such city or the board of trustees of such village, as the case may be, shall cause the amount agreed to be paid annually by such contract or contracts,