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CHAPTER 72.

AN ACT to amend 45.07 (1), (2) (a), (g) and (j), and 45.08 (1), (3) and (4) of the statutes, relating to the Grand Army Home for Veterans.

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

SECTION 1. 45.07 (1), (2) (a), (g) and (j) of the statutes are amended to read:

45.07 (1) There is created a board of managers of the Grand Army Home for Veterans located at * * * *King*. The said board shall be composed of 5 ex officio members, the adjutant general, the state surgeon, the chief quartermaster, the department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and the department commander of the United Spanish War Veterans, and 4 persons appointed by the governor for terms of 6 years. All such appointive members shall be members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps, the United Spanish American War Veterans or auxiliary, the American Legion or auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars or auxiliary or the Disabled American War Veterans or auxiliary. Before making such appointments, the governor may request the Wisconsin Department of the Grand Army of the Republic *and the other organizations above mentioned* to submit the names of no less than * * * 2 persons whom * * * *they* recommend for such appointments, which recommendations shall be given consideration by the governor, but he shall not be confined in making appointments to the persons so recommended. No member of said board shall be compensated by the state for his services as such member, but shall be reimbursed the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

(2) (a) Soldiers, sailors and marines who have served at least 70 days in the civil war, Spanish-American war, Philippine insurrection, China relief expedition, the world war, or in any other war or military expedition of the United States, who were honorably discharged from such service, *who have no adequate means of support and are temporarily or permanently incapacitated due to disability from following any substantially gainful occupation, and who are eligible for similar care in a facility*

controlled by the veterans' administration, and whose services were credited to Wisconsin, and who are 50 years of age or over. Veterans otherwise eligible for admission but who served less than 70 days, shall be likewise eligible if such service was terminated as a result of physical disability in line of duty. Disabled veterans under fifty years of age, if otherwise qualified, may be admitted if unable to secure adequate care from the federal government.

(g) No person of any of the classes specified in paragraphs (a) to (f) shall be admitted to the Grand Army Home for Veterans until he shall have presented satisfactory proof of 10 years' continuous residence in this state immediately preceding the application for admission, nor unless he shall pay 20 per cent of his gross income * * * and all of his income from any source in excess of * * * \$500 per year into the general fund for the maintenance and operation of the home * * *. "Income" as used in this section shall not include wages, salary or payment to a member as an employe of the home. The board of managers, may in its discretion, allow a wife of a member to retain for personal use annually a sum not to exceed \$100 independent income, and may remit such sums as it deems necessary for the care of the minor dependents of a member. Veterans whose services are not credited to Wisconsin and who are otherwise qualified may be admitted upon producing satisfactory proof of at least 15 years' residence in this state immediately preceding date of application.

(j) All members who enter the home shall sign an agreement as follows: "I, in consideration of having received domiciliary care, agree that in event of my death, leaving no heirs at law or next of kin, all personal property owned by me at the time of my death, including money or choses in action held by me and not disposed of by will, whether such property be the proceeds of pension, compensation, or life insurance, or otherwise derived, shall vest in and become the property of the state of Wisconsin for the sole use and benefit of the Grand Army Home for Veterans, subject to be reclaimed by any legatee or person entitled to take the same by inheritance at any time within * * * one year after my death."

SECTION 2. 45.08 (1), (3) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

45.08 (1) The adjutant general, with the approval of the board of managers * * *, shall operate and conduct the Grand Army Home for Veterans * * * and employ such officers, nurses, attendants, and other employes as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the said home * * *.

(3) It shall be the duty of the adjutant general *with the approval of the board of managers*, to cause to be kept a true and accurate account of the disbursements of all moneys derived from all sources for said home, and annually to make report in writing to the governor, giving a true and itemized account in such form as he may require or prescribe, of all expenditures made of moneys appropriated or in any manner derived from the state, and also of the names and number of members of the home, the date of admission, time of occupancy, age, and residence of each, the regiment, company, battery, or other similar organization in which such member served * * *, or of the person on account of whom such member was admitted to the home, and also the names, number and salaries of the officers, employes, and laborers employed in said home, and the fund from which they are paid, and also the total amount of the receipts and expenditures of the said Grand Army Home for Veterans, and such other detail pertaining to or affecting expenditures for its maintenance or benefit, as may be required by the governor. Such report shall cover the period of the fiscal year ending June 30, and be submitted on or before * * * *September 1* of each year.

(4) The * * * members of the board of managers of the Grand Army Home for Veterans shall, not less than * * * *4 times* in each year, visit the said home and shall carefully examine into the management of said home, its system of accounts and of keeping books, and the methods of purchase of supplies therefor, and the manner of their issuance and expenditures, and care and keeping of the members of said home, the provisions made for the comforts of such members, their treatment by officers and employes, and such other details of the management of the said home as they may deem proper to inquire into and as shall be thought likely to promote the objects for which the same is maintained; and they shall make full report thereon to the governor and to the adjutant general, with their recommendations upon any of the matters which they

are herein enjoined to investigate. It shall be the duty of the adjutant general and the officers and employes of said home to facilitate such examination and inquiries by disclosing all facts in relation to the same, and exhibiting all books, papers, and vouchers affecting the expenditure of moneys.

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CHAPTER 73.

AN ACT to amend 27.065 (3) and (4) of the statutes, relating to county streets and parkways.

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

27.065 (3) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

27.065 (3) The county board shall have the power to improve all or any portion of the county's system of streets and parkways by causing the same to be leveled, graded, paved or improved in any other manner, and *sidewalks*, curbs or gutters or * * * *either* installed, to cause water and sewer mains and laterals, and lighting mains and fixtures, fences, bridges, culverts, viaducts and flood control dams erected and constructed therein, and to cause the parkway portions thereof to be planted, seeded or sodded. The county board shall have the authority to establish the grade of all streets and parkways in areas not already established and to change and reestablish the same as it may deem expedient. Whenever it shall change or alter the permanently established grade of any street or parkway, any person thereby sustaining damages to his property on such street, shall have a right to recover such damages in the manner set forth in this section. The grade of all streets and parkways shall be established and described and the adoption of such grades and all alterations thereof shall be recorded by the county clerk. No street or parkway shall be worked until the grade thereof is established and recorded * * * *in the office of the county clerk.*

(4) (a) The expense of such work or improvement may be paid in whole or in part by the county or by the property to be benefited thereby, as the county board shall direct, but in