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## CHAP. 187.

**Chapter 187.**

An act to amend chapter one hundred and forty-three of the revised statutes, relating to insane hospital.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Sec. 9, ch. 143, R. S., amendment of.

Chapter one hundred and forty-three, section nine, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following :

Insane hospital, idiotic inmates of, may be discharged.

'The superintendent, at each monthly visit of the trustees, shall also report to them the name of any inmate who was idiotic at the date of his commitment, and of any inmate who has become so imbecile as, in his judgment, to be beyond cure, and if he thinks such inmate may be discharged with safety to himself and to the public, the trustees shall order his discharge and cause him to be removed to the town by which he was committed.'

Approved February 24, 1874.

**Chapter 188.**

An act to amend section ten of chapter three of revised statutes, relating to auditors of accounts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Sec. 10, ch. 3, R. S., amendment of.

Section ten of chapter three of revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "in their discretion, in towns containing one thousand inhabitants," and inserting instead thereof the words 'if one third of the qualified voters present shall be in favor thereof, they shall choose by a major vote,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

Annual town meetings, when held.

'SECT. 10. The annual town meetings in the state shall be held in the month of March, and the qualified voters in each town shall then choose, by a major vote, a clerk, three, five or seven inhabitants of the town to be selectmen, and overseers of the poor, when other overseers are not chosen, three or more assessors, two or more fence viewers, treasurer, surveyors of lumber, tythingmen, sealers of leather, measurers of wood and bark, constables, collectors of taxes, other usual town officers, and if one third of the qualified voters present shall be in favor thereof, they shall choose, by a major vote, one auditor of accounts, all of whom shall be duly sworn. Treasurers or collectors of towns having more than fifteen hundred inhabitants shall not be members of the board of selectmen or assessors.'

Officers, number of, and how chosen.

Approved February 24, 1874.