

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1847.

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820, February 26, 1840,
and March 16, 1842.

Augusta:

WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

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OF THE

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which the insane person resides, or such other person as the justices shall direct, to cause said order to be complied with forthwith, at the expense of said city or town. And said justices shall decide the amount of expense of said commitment, and certify the same, after the service has been performed.

SECT. 19. When any city or town shall be chargeable for the support of any insane person at the hospital, it shall be the duty of the overseers of the poor thereof, on notice by mail from the superintendent that said patient has recovered of his or her insanity, to remove or cause the same to be removed to said city or town; and if they shall neglect to do so for the term of fifteen days, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to cause such removal at the expense of said city or town.

When insane persons chargeable to cities or towns have recovered, how removed.

SECT. 20. All that part of chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the revised statutes relating to insane persons, the thirty-sixth chapter, passed eighteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two; the nineteenth chapter, passed March twenty-second, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three; chapter eighty-fifth, passed February fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four; chapter two hundred and twenty-fifth, passed August tenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six; chapter two hundred and seventh, passed August eighth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, are hereby repealed; chapter one hundred and seventy-three of the revised statutes is so far modified as to comport with the provisions of this act. *Provided*, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect any process or action which has been instituted under previously existing laws.

Inconsistent provisions, repealed.

R. S., ch. 173, modified.

Proviso.

[Approved August 2, 1847.]

Chapter 34.

An act relating to the competency and credibility of witnesses.

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

No person shall be deemed an incompetent witness on account of his or her religious professions or opinions, but shall be subject to the test of credibility; and any person who shall not believe in the existence of a Supreme Being shall be permitted to testify under solemn affirmation, and shall be subject to all the pains and penalties of perjury.

No person an incompetent witness, &c.

[Approved Aug. 3, 1847.]