

#### ACTS AND RESOLVES

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Снар. 142. ants, jointly or to either of them severally, judgment shall be entered for such balance jointly or severally, as the jury shall find or the court shall order, and such judgment or judgments shall be treated and disposed of as other judgments against insolvent estates. Nothing herein contained shall affect any suit now pending.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 19, 1862.]

#### Chapter 142.

An act in relation to expenses of insane state paupers.

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

SECT. 1. The attorney general is directed to inquire into the legal settlement of all persons now in the insane hospital, and who have been supported by the state as state paupers, and he may require the aid of any county attorney in making any investigation thereon, without expense to the state. If on investigation the attorney general determines that any person so supported, had his legal settlement, when committed to said hospital, in any city or town in this state, he shall order the superintendent of said hospital, to notify the treasurer of such city or town to pay the expenses incurred by the state in the support of such pauper and interest on each year's expenses. Should the city or town notified neglect to pay such sum for ninety days after service of said notice, the attorney general shall commence, in any county he deems expedient, an action of debt in the name of the state against such city or town and prosecute the same, and if the legal settlement of such pauper is found to be in such city or town, judgment shall be rendered for the state, for the annual expenses incurred as aforesaid, and interest thereon from the close of each year after his commitment, and the statute of limitations shall not bar any part of such claim.

SECT. 2. Depositions may be taken and used in any action commenced under this act, as in the trial of civil causes; and this act shall take effect when approved by the governor.

[Approved March 19, 1862.]

Insane state paupers, legal residence of, to be ascertained.

Cities and towns to pay expenses in certain cases.

Suits to be commenced in case of neglect.

Statute of limitation no. bar.

Depositions taken and used.

Judgment, &c.