

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1868.

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PUBLIC LAWS

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CHAP. 226.

Limitations.

SECT. 13. Sections twelve and thirteen of this act take effect when the act is approved by the governor, and the remaining sections shall take effect on the first day of November, eighteen hundred sixty-eight; but if it shall not appear by the proclamation of the governor, as provided in the resolves hereinbefore named, that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question proposed in said resolves are in favor of the amendment proposed therein, and that said amendment has become part of the constitution, then said sections from one to eleven, inclusive, of this act shall be inoperative and void.

Approved March 7, 1868.

Chapter 226.

An act for the better management of the insane hospital.

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

When persons committed to the insane hospital for observation by order of court, are to be discharged.

SECT. 1. Any person now in the insane hospital, committed by order of any court, for observation, and awaiting trial, shall be discharged by the superintendent if not sent for by the court committing him or her during the next term of said court. And every person hereafter so committed by any court shall be discharged by the superintendent if not sent for by the court during the then next term of said court after the term at which he was committed. But every such person shall be liable to be recommitted by the municipal officers of the town where such person belongs, if found to be insane, to be supported in the same manner as other persons so committed by said municipal officers.

Rules and regulations for government of attendants of hospital to be posted.

SECT. 2. The superintendent of the Maine insane hospital shall be and is obliged to post up in conspicuous places printed cards, which shall prescribe the rules and regulations that shall govern the attendants who have charge of the patients who occupy the several galleries of the above named institution.

Attendants to be discharged for violation of such rules.

SECT. 3. If it should be made to appear that any injustice is done or any humane law is violated by any attendant of the Maine insane hospital in the discharge of his duty, he shall be immediately discharged from his office; and when any flagrant abuse is committed by such attendant, he shall be summarily dealt with according to the provisions provided for in the following section :

Penalty for ill treatment of patients.

SECT. 4. If any attendant of the insane hospital shall intentionally abuse or ill treat any inmate of the hospital so that the fact is proved to the satisfaction of the superintendent, said attendant shall be immediately discharged from office. And it shall be the

duty of the superintendent of the above named hospital to make complaint against said attendant, before any court having jurisdiction of the offences charged, and if the defendant shall be found guilty, he shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or he may be sent to the county jail for a term not exceeding ninety days. CHAP. 226.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 7, 1868.