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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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CHAP. 160. which such person shall be sentenced shall receive and detain such person or prisoner in the same manner as if committed by any court sitting in the county where such jail is situated.'

Jail keeper to receive person sentenced same as though sentenced by court in county where jail is situated.

Approved March 4, 1879.

Chapter 160.

An Act to amend chapter one hundred thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes relating to the disposal of Insane Criminals.

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

Sec. 2, ch. 137
R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Section second of chapter one hundred thirty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by inserting therein after the word "to," as it is first found in the seventh line of said section, the words, 'the insane department of the state;' and also striking out all in said section after the words "insane hospital" in same line, and adding thereto the following words: 'And any person so committed to the insane department of the state prison, shall be discharged by the court having jurisdiction of the case only on satisfactory proof that his discharge will not endanger the peace and safety of the community; and when on satisfactory proof such person so discharged from the insane department of the state prison is again found insane and dangerous, any judge of the supreme judicial court may by a precept stating the fact of his insanity, recommit him to the insane department of the state prison, or to the insane hospital; so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Grand jury failing to find indictment against any person arrested, by reason of his insanity, shall so certify to the court.

When traverse jury for like reason acquits a person under indictment their verdict shall so state.

Courts may thereupon commit the accused to insane department of state prison, or insane asylum. How such person may be discharged from such commitment.

'SECT. 2. When the grand jury omits to find an indictment against any person arrested by legal process to answer for any offense by reason of his insanity, they shall certify that fact to the court; and when a traverse jury, for the same reason, acquits any person indicted, they shall state that fact to the court when they return their verdict; and the court, by a precept stating the fact of insanity, may commit him to the insane department of the state prison or to the insane hospital; and any person so committed to the insane department of the state prison shall be discharged by the court having jurisdiction of the case only on satisfactory proof that his discharge will not endanger the peace and safety of the community; and when on satisfactory proof such person so discharged from the insane department of the state prison is again found insane and dangerous, any judge of the supreme judicial court may, by a precept stating the fact of his insanity, recommit him to the insane department of the state prison, or to the insane hospital.'

SECT. 2. Section third of same chapter is hereby amended by inserting in the first line next after the word "committed," the words 'to the insane hospital,' so that the first clause of said section shall read as follows:

'SECT. 3. Any person so committed to the insane hospital, may be discharged by any judge of the supreme judicial court, in term time or vacation, on satisfactory proof that his discharge will not endanger the peace and safety of the community.'

SECT. 3. The convicts insane now in the insane hospital upon satisfactory proof that the said persons insane are incurable, and that a longer residence therein will have a deleterious influence on the other patients of said hospital, may be removed by order of the governor and council to the insane department of the state prison.

Approved March 4, 1879.

CHAP. 161.
Sec. 3 amended.

Person so committed may be discharged by any judge.

Persons in insane hospital being incurable may be removed to the insane department of state prison.

Chapter 161.

An Act in relation to the State Valuation.

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

SECT. 1. The assessors of each city, town and plantation in this state, for the current year, shall at the time provided by law for that purpose, make a true and accurate list of all the male polls of twenty-one years of age and upwards, resident in or belonging to said city, town or plantation, whether such persons are at home or abroad, distinguishing such as are exempted from taxation, and shall also make true and accurate lists of all ratable estates, both real and personal, not exempt by law from paying state taxes, lying or being within their several cities, towns or plantations, and all such estates or property of whatever kind, wherever situated or located, which is subject to be taxed in said cities, towns or plantations; and said assessors shall affix to said estates and property of whatever kind enumerated and set forth in said lists, the full, fair cash value thereof, and shall also make separate lists of all vessels owned in whole or in part in their respective cities, towns and plantations, stating their names, age, value and tonnage, and shall submit to the next legislature on the second Monday of January next, all said lists of polls and valuation for this year.

SECT. 2. The assessors of every city, town and plantation, shall also produce or cause to be produced before the next legislature for their examination, on the second Monday of January next, the full original poll lists and valuation lists of their several cities, towns and plantations, for the years eighteen hundred and seventy-

Duties of assessors in making assessments.

To make list of all male polls of 21 years of age.

Distinguish such as are exempt from taxation.

To make list of ratable estates.

And all such property of any kind subject to be taxed in said city or town.

To affix fair cash value to said lists.

To make separate lists of vessels.

To be submitted to the next legislature on second Monday of January.

Assessors shall also produce before the next legislature on the second Monday of January the original lists,