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CHAP. 104**Chapter 104.**

An Act to amend Section one, Chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the Revised Statutes, relating to pollution of Water.

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

Section 1,  
chapter 129,  
R. S.,  
amended.

Section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out from the fourth and fifth lines thereof the words "the water supply of any water company or of any city or town supplying its inhabitants with water" and inserting instead thereof the words 'any public water supply' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Penalty for  
corrupting  
water used  
for domestic  
or other  
uses.

'Section 1. Whoever knowingly and wilfully poisons, defiles or in any way corrupts the waters of any well, spring, brook, lake, pond, river or reservoir, used for domestic purposes for man or beast, or knowingly corrupts the sources of any public water supply, or the tributaries of said sources of supply in such manner as to affect the purity of the water so supplied, or knowingly defiles such water in any manner, whether the same be frozen or not, or puts the carcass of any dead animal or other offensive material into said waters, or upon the ice thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year.'

Approved March 22, 1907.

**Chapter 105.**

An Act amending Section twenty-four of Chapter one hundred forty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Insane Hospitals.

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

Section 24,  
chapter 144,  
R. S.,  
amended.

Section 1. Section twenty-four, chapter one hundred forty-four, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding after the word "therefor" in the eighth line, the words 'all bills for expenses so incurred and chargeable to the state, shall be filed with the governor and council within three months after the same are contracted, and no such bills shall be allowed unless they are filed with the governor and council within sixty days after the thirty-first day of December of the year in which they are incurred,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Towns have  
remedy  
against the  
patient, or  
those liable  
for his sup-  
port, as for  
a pauper.

'Section 24. Any town thus made chargeable in the first instance, and paying for the commitment and support of the insane at a hospital, may recover the amount paid, from the insane, if able, or from persons legally liable for his support, or

from the town where his legal settlement is, as if incurred for the expense of a pauper, but if he has no legal settlement in the state, such expenses shall be refunded by the state, and the governor and council shall audit all such claims and draw their warrant on the treasurer therefor. All bills for expenses so incurred and chargeable to the state, shall be filed with the governor and council within three months after the same are contracted, and no such bills shall be allowed unless they are filed with the governor and council within sixty days after the thirty-first day of December of the year in which they are incurred. No insane person shall suffer any of the disabilities of pauperism nor be deemed a pauper, by reason of such support. But the time during which the insane person is so supported shall not be included in the period of residence necessary to change his settlement.'

—bills chargeable to the state shall be filed with governor and council.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 22, 1907.

### Chapter 106.

An Act to amend Section forty-one of Chapter twenty-three of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Powers, Liabilities and Penalties of Plantations.

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

Section forty-one of chapter twenty-three of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "required to assess a state and county tax" in the first line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'organized under section one hundred and fourteen of chapter four of the revised statutes,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 41, chapter 23, R. S., amended.

'Section 41. Plantations organized under section one hundred and fourteen of chapter four of the revised statutes have like powers and are subject to like liabilities and penalties as towns respecting ways. Their assessors have like powers and shall perform like duties, as municipal officers of towns, respecting them.'

Plantations liable as towns and have same powers.

Approved March 22, 1907.