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CHAP. 351 ments and additions thereto, trial justices and judges of the municipal and police courts within their counties shall have by complaint original and concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Judicial and Superior courts.

—inconsistent acts repealed.

Section 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved March 31, 1915.

Chapter 351.

An Act to Provide for the Care and Treatment of Tubercular Persons.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

State shall establish and maintain one or more sanatoriums.

Section 1. The State shall establish and maintain by building, lease or by purchase one or more sanatoriums in such districts of the State as shall seem best to serve the needs of the people for the care and treatment of persons affected with tuberculosis. Where lease or purchase is made the State shall have the right to enlarge or otherwise adapt the property to meet the needs of the situation; and such additions or improvements shall be considered permanent. At the expiration of the original lease of any property for use as a tuberculosis sanatorium the State shall have the right of release or of purchase.

—right of release.

Persons to be admitted.

Section 2. Persons having legal residence in Maine shall be admitted to these sanatoriums from any part of the State; provided after due examination by any reputable physician or the superintendent of the sanatorium said person shall be found to be suffering from tuberculosis. According to the capacity of the sanatorium, such patients shall be eligible for treatment in all stages of the disease. Whenever a patient is received for treatment in any of these state sanatoriums the charge for treatment shall not exceed five dollars per week. If upon due inquiry into the circumstances of a patient, the superintendent of the sanatorium finds such patient or his relatives unable to pay for his care and treatment in whole or in part, the charge for such care and treatment not so paid shall be laid upon the State. No discrimination shall be made in the accommodation, care or treatment of any patient because of the fact that the patient or his relatives do or do not contribute in whole or in part to the charge for treatment; and no officer or employee of such state sanatorium shall accept from any patient thereof any fee or gratuity whatever for any service rendered.

—charge for treatment.

—free treatment.
—no discrimination.

—officers or employees shall not accept fee.

Appointment of a Board of Trustees.

Section 3. The government of the several sanatoriums shall be vested in a "Board of Trustees for Tuberculosis Sanatoriums." Said board of trustees shall consist of five members who

shall be residents of the State, appointed by the Governor and approved by his Council as soon as may be after the passage of this act. The original appointments shall be for the respective terms of five, four, three, two and one years. Thereafter one member shall be appointed annually for the full term, which shall be five years, except the appointment of persons to fill vacancies shall be made for the unexpired term. No more than three of any one political party shall serve on the board of trustees at one time. It shall be the duty of the said board as soon as practicable to erect necessary buildings or to alter any buildings, on property acquired, for sanatorium use in the proper care and treatment of persons sick with tuberculosis. The said board shall have the general management and supervision of the state tuberculosis sanatoriums and one or more of said trustees shall visit each institution under supervision at least once each month. The said board of trustees shall, on or before the first day of October of each year, furnish a report to the Governor and Council containing a history of the several sanatoriums for the year and a complete statement of all accounts, with all the funds, general and special, appropriated or belonging to said sanatoriums, including a detailed statement of disbursements.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees may appoint the superintendents, physicians, assistants and other employees, and fix the salaries of the same, for the proper administration of the several sanatoriums; and said board shall have like duties and like powers as those required of and vested in the trustees of other state hospitals.

Section 5. The Governor and Council shall, before payment, approve all bills of the Board of Trustees contracted in establishing and maintaining or operating the state tuberculosis sanatoriums.

Section 6. The Board of Trustees shall have authority to accept and hold in trust for the State, any grant or devise of land, or any gift or bequest of money or other personal property, or any donation to be applied, principal or income, or both, for the benefit of either or all said sanatoriums; and to apply the same in accordance with the terms of the gift.

Section 7. The members of the Board of Trustees shall receive five dollars per diem when on official business connected with these several tuberculosis sanatoriums, plus their necessary expenses.

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—tenure of office.

—Duties of Board.

—management.

—report.

Appointment of Supt. and other officers and employees.

Governor and Council shall approve bills.

Trustees may hold in trust any gift or grant of land.

—compensation of Trustees.

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riation.

Section 8. For carrying out of the provisions of this act the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars shall be, and hereby is, appropriated for use within the years nineteen hundred fifteen and nineteen hundred sixteen.

Powers of
Governor
and Coun-
cil over
said board.

Section 9. The acts of the Board of Trustees shall be subject to the approval of the Governor and Council, and the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall have authority to remove any trustee for cause.

Approved April 3, 1915.