

CHAPTER 172

[S. B. 3.]

RELATING TO THE CARE OF PERSONS SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

AN ACT authorizing counties to care for persons suffering from tuberculosis and providing state aid therefor.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of any county shall have power to establish, provide and maintain hospitals and to employ visiting nurses for the care and treatment of persons suffering for tuberculosis, but whenever a hospital is established as herein provided, such visiting nurse or nurses shall be under the control of and subject to the directions of the board hereinafter designated as the board of managers of such hospital .

County may maintain hospitals and attendants.

For these purposes, said board of county commissioners shall have the following powers:

May purchase property.

To purchase or lease real property therefor or to use for this purpose lands already owned by the county, providing such site shall first be approved by the state board of health.

Buildings.

To erect all necessary buildings, make all necessary improvements or repairs and alter any existing building for the use of said hospital: *Provided*, That such buildings be separate and apart from those designated as alms houses, or county infirmaries: *And provided further*, That the plans for such erection or alteration shall first be approved by the state board of health.

"Tuberculosis fund."

To use county moneys, to levy taxes and to issue bonds as authorized by law to raise a sufficient amount of money to cover the cost of procuring a site, constructing and equipping hospitals and for the maintenance thereof, and all other necessary and proper expenses herein authorized, and create a fund to be known as the "Tuberculosis fund," from which all expenses herein provided for shall be paid.

Gifts and donations.

To appoint a board of managers for said hospitals as hereinafter provided. To accept and hold in trust for the county any grant of land, gift or bequest of money, or

any donation for the benefit of the purposes of this act, and apply the same in accordance with the terms of the gift.

SEC. 2. When the board of commissioners shall have determined to establish a hospital for the care and treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis and shall have acquired a site therefor and shall have awarded contracts for the necessary buildings and improvements thereon, it may appoint three citizens of the county, only one of whom may be a physician, who shall constitute the board of managers of said hospital. The term of office of each member of said board shall be three years, and the term of one of such managers may expire annually, the first appointments shall be made for the respective terms of three two and one years. Appointments of successors shall be for the full term of three years, except that appointment of persons to fill vacancies occurring by death, resignation or other cause shall be made for the unexpired term. Failure of any manager to attend four consecutive meetings of the board shall cause a vacancy in his office, unless said absence is excused by formal action of the board of managers.

Board of managers.

Term.

Vacancies.

The managers shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary traveling and other expenses, to be audited and paid in the same manner as the other expenses of the hospital. No manager shall be removed from office except for cause shown and after a public hearing on charges reduced to writing. A copy of said charges and the verdict thereon shall be filed with the county auditor.

Managers allowed expenses.

Removal charges.

SEC. 3. The board of managers shall appoint a superintendent of the hospital, who shall be the secretary of the board and shall hold office at the pleasure of said board. Said superintendent shall not be a member of the board of managers, and shall be a qualified practitioner of medicine.

Superintendent.

Said board of managers shall fix the salaries of the superintendent and all other officers and employees and the management of said hospital shall be entirely in the hands of such board.

Salaries.

County treasurer to be treasurer for institution.

SEC. 4. The county treasurer of any county which establishes such an institution shall be the treasurer of such institution, and shall receive all moneys raised by taxation or otherwise or paid for the maintenance of inmates of such institution, and shall disburse all moneys to be paid on account of such institution upon warrants drawn upon such fund by the county auditor, as approved by the board of managers.

Application for admission to hospital.

SEC. 5. Any person having resided one year within the county in which the hospital is situated desiring treatment in such hospital, may apply in person to superintendent or to any reputable physician for examination and such physician, if he finds that said person is suffering from tuberculosis in any form may apply to the superintendent of the hospital for admission of said person. Upon receipt of such application, if there be a vacancy in said hospital, the superintendent shall notify the person named in such application to appear in person at the hospital. If upon personal examination the superintendent and board of managers are satisfied that such person is suffering from tuberculosis he shall be admitted. All applications shall be in writing and shall state whether applicant can pay in whole or in part for his care and treatment while at the hospital, and every application shall be filed and recorded in a book kept for the purpose in the order of receipt. When said hospital is completed and ready for the treatment of patients, or whenever thereafter [there] are vacancies therein, admission to said hospital shall be made in the order in which the names of applicants shall appear upon the application book to be kept as above provided, in so far as such applicants are certified to by the superintendent to be suffering from tuberculosis, except that advance cases shall always be provided for first. No discrimination shall be made in the accommodation, care or treatment of any patient because of the fact that the patient or his relatives contribute to the cost of his maintenance in whole or in part, and no patient shall be permitted to pay for his maintenance

Examination.

Advance cases to have precedence.

in such hospital a greater sum than the average per capita cost of maintenance therein, including a reasonable allowance for the interest on the cost of the hospital; and no officer or employe of such hospital shall accept from any patient thereof, any fee, payment or gratuity whatsoever for his services. When all persons who are otherwise qualified to admission to any hospital provided by this act are accommodated and provided for, persons who have not resided in the state for one year prior to applying shall be eligible to admission.

Non-residents  
admitted,  
when.

SEC. 6. Whenever a patient has been admitted to said hospital from the county in which the hospital is situated, the superintendent shall cause inquiry to be made as to his circumstances, and of the relatives of such patient legally liable for his support. If he find that such patient or said relatives legally liable for his support, are able to pay for his treatment in whole or in part, an order shall be made directing such patient, or said relatives to pay to the county treasurer for the support of such patient, a specified sum per week, in proportion to their financial ability, but such sum shall not exceed the actual per capita cost of maintenance. The county commissioners shall have the power and authority to collect such sum from said patient or his estate, or from his relatives legally liable for his support. If the superintendent find that such patient, or said relatives, are not able to pay, either in whole or in part, for his care and treatment in such hospital, said patient shall be admitted free of charge.

Support of  
patients.

County to  
collect  
expense.

Free treat-  
ment.

SEC. 7. All hospitals established or maintained under the provisions of this act shall be subject to inspection by any authorized representative of the state board of health, state board of control, the state board of supervision and control of public offices, and the board of county commissioners, and the resident officers shall admit such representatives into every part of the hospital and its buildings and give them access on demand to all records, reports, books, papers and accounts pertaining to the hospital.

State board  
of health to  
inspect.

Separate  
government  
for hospital.

SEC. 8. Wherever a hospital for the care and treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis exists in connection with, or on the grounds of a county almshouse, the board of commissioners may appoint a board of managers for such a hospital, and such hospital and its board of managers shall thereafter be subject to all provisions of this act, in like manner as if it had been originally established hereunder.

Cities or  
counties  
may contract  
for care of  
patients.

SEC. 9. Any resident of the State of Washington living outside of a county maintaining a tuberculosis hospital may apply for treatment, or any city, village or county may apply on behalf of its charges and the same may be provided for under a stipulated agreement by the party, municipality or county to pay a weekly sum designated by the board of managers of such hospital, but non-residents of a county shall not be provided for to the exclusion of residents of said county.

State to  
pay \$3.00  
per week.

SEC. 10. There shall be paid by the state treasurer quarterly to the counties maintaining such hospitals, three dollars per week for each person in such institution during the time of confinement as hereinafter provided; except those paying full maintenance.

Managers  
to report  
quarterly  
number of  
patients.

SEC. 11. On the first day of July and quarterly thereafter the board of managers of any county operating such institution shall certify to the state auditor, the county auditor and the state board of control the number of persons cared for at public expense in such institution, the date when such persons were admitted, and the number of weeks each was cared for during the preceding quarter, which certificate shall be attested by the board of managers and sworn to by the superintendent, and when said board of control shall approve the same, the state auditor shall draw a warrant for the amount due according to the provisions of this act.

County com-  
missioners  
may be  
managers.

SEC. 12. Whenever the board of county commissioners shall manage such hospitals, such board shall have the same powers and be subject to the same regulations as herein provided for a board of managers.

SEC. 13. There is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this act fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Appropriation  
\$50,000.00.

SEC. 14. Hospitals operated by municipalities of the first class, now existing, or hereafter established and maintained for the treatment of tuberculosis exclusively, may receive state aid by complying with the provisions of this act, except such institutions shall not be required to operate under a board of managers as provided herein, nor shall said institutions be subject to the provisions of this act regarding charge to patients, except those patients for whom said institutions receive state aid.

City hospital  
may receive  
state aid.

SEC. 15. The supervision of institutions operating under the provisions of this act shall be by and under the state board of control. No institution operating hereunder shall be refused participation in the state aid herein provided for, except after the approval of the state board of health.

Under  
direction  
of state  
board of  
control.

SEC. 16. After the establishment in any county of a hospital as herein provided for, no person suffering from tuberculosis shall be taken care of or treated at any almshouse or county institution, other than such hospital, except in cases of emergency.

Hospital  
used ex-  
clusively for  
tuberculosis  
patients.

Passed the Senate February 13, 1913.

Passed the House March 12, 1913.

Approved by the Governor March 24, 1913.

## CHAPTER 173

[S. B. 126.]

### RELATING TO THE STATE INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE MINDED.

AN ACT providing for changing the name of the State Institution for Feeble Minded to State School and Colony, for the government of the same and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act.

(For present  
law, see  
Rem.-Bal.,  
§ 4396 *et seq.*;  
Pierce's  
Code, 1912,  
413 §§ 189,  
191-205, 955,  
957.)

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. *That the name of the State Institution for Feeble Minded now located at Medical Lake, Washington,*

Vetoed.