

CHAPTER 133.

[S. B. 42.]

RELATING TO ADMISSION TO AND RETENTION IN STATE HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE.

AN ACT relating to and prescribing the procedure, terms and conditions for admission or commitment to and/or retention in state hospitals for the insane, providing for certain charges to be paid by persons and counties for the care and maintenance of insane persons and amending Section 6930 of Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 6930 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6930. The superior court of any county in this state, or the judge thereof, upon the application of any person under oath, setting forth that any person, by reason of insanity, is unsafe to be at large, shall cause such person to be brought before him, and he shall summon to appear at the same time and place two or more witnesses, who shall testify, under oath, as to conversations, manners and general conduct upon which said charge of insanity is based; and shall also cause to appear before him, at the time and place, two reputable physicians, before whom the judge shall examine the charge, unless the accused, or anyone in his or her behalf, shall demand a jury to decide upon the question of insanity. If such demand be made, the trial shall be by jury. If no jury is demanded, and the physicians, after a careful hearing of the case, and a personal examination of the alleged insane person, shall certify under oath that the person examined is insane, and the case is of a recent or curable character, or that the said insane person is of a homicidal, suicidal or incendiary disposition, or that from any other violent symptoms, the said insane person would be

§ 2827,
Pierce's
Code.

Application
for com-
mitment.

Hearing.

Trial by
jury.

Examination
by
physicians.

Certificate of
physicians.

dangerous to his or her own life, or the lives and property of the community in which he or she may live; and if said physicians shall also certify to the name, age, nativity, residence, occupation, length of time in this state, state last from, previous habits, premonitory symptoms, apparent cause, and class of insanity, duration of the disease and present condition, as nearly as can be ascertained by inquiry and examination; and if the judge shall be satisfied that the facts revealed in the examination establish the existence of the insanity of the person accused, and that it is of a recent or curable nature, or of a homicidal, suicidal or incendiary character, or that from the violence of the symptoms the said insane person would be dangerous to his or her own life, or to the lives and property of others if at large, or if the trial has been by jury, and the accused declared insane by said jury, and the insanity be of the character above described, the said insane person shall be ordered by the judge to be sent to a hospital for the insane, upon the following conditions; namely, that at the time of and as a part of such proceedings, the court shall summon the guardian, if any, of such alleged insane person, also the relatives of such alleged insane person, to-wit: husband or wife, parents, children or other interested persons to appear in court. If there is no guardian for such alleged insane person, the court shall appoint such guardian. Such persons shall be examined as witnesses under oath for the purpose of determining the financial ability of said insane person, his estate or relatives, to pay the cost and expense of the care, maintenance, board, lodging and clothing of such insane person in the hospital for the insane to which he may be committed. Findings of fact shall be made relative to the financial ability to pay such costs as above set out and a judgment entered therein against the proper party or estate so found responsible. Every insane person, his estate or relatives, as above set

Ordered to hospital.

Guardian, relatives and interested persons examined.

Financial ability of insane person.

Hospital expenses to be paid by patient or relatives.

forth, found to have the financial ability to pay the expenses above enumerated, shall pay therefor the sum of \$4.50 per week during the time such insane person is committed to a state hospital for the insane and as directed by order of the court, and in addition thereto shall pay the cost of transportation of such insane person and all court costs. The charge of \$4.50 shall be made to apply in all cases from the day the insane person is received at the institution. Remittance therefor shall be made to the Director of Business Control in advance on the first day of each calendar month during the time the insane person remains committed. Pending such trial and before judgment, the court may make such disposition of such alleged insane person as may seem proper. When such patient is received at the hospital for the insane to which he is committed, he shall be forthwith examined by the superintendent thereof, who shall determine whether or not such insane person is violently insane and dangerous to life and property, and shall thereupon notify the county commissioners of the county from which such person was committed, and the Director of Business Control, of the results of such examination. If the court finds that such insane person or his estate or relatives have not the financial ability to pay said sum, and the superintendent of such hospital shall determine that such insane person is violently insane and dangerous to life and property, the charges and costs referred to in this section shall be borne by the State of Washington. If, however, the court finds that the insane person or his estate or relatives have not the financial ability to pay said charges and costs, and the superintendent of such insane hospital shall determine that such insane person is not violently insane and dangerous to life and property, such charges and costs above referred to shall be paid by the county from which the commitment is made. The relatives of such insane person shall be

Amount fixed.

Examination on arrival at hospital.

County commissioners to be notified.

When state to pay.

When county to pay.

liable for the cost and expense of the care, maintenance, board, lodging and clothing of such insane person in the following order: first, husband or wife; second, parents; third, children.

Order in which relatives are liable.

Passed the Senate December 17, 1925.

Passed the House January 4, 1926.

Approved by the Governor January 12, 1926.

CHAPTER 134.

[S. B. 62.]

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO BE TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE.

AN ACT relating to the teaching of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Washington in the schools of this state and prescribing duties for the State Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1. Loyalty and patriotism being necessary to the security and perpetuity of free government and a knowledge of the fundamental law being a chief source of such loyalty and patriotism, the study of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of Washington shall after January 1, 1927 be a condition pre-requisite to graduation from the common and high schools of this state and from all private and denominational and other schools whose work is accepted in lieu of the work of the schools under public and state management.

Study of constitution of U. S. and state pre-requisite to graduation.

All schools included.

SEC. 2. The State Board of Education shall have the power, and it is hereby made its duty, to provide by appropriate rules and regulations for the carrying into effect of the provisions of this act.

Rules to be prescribed by state board of education.

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