

Jurisdiction in  
civil actions.

Section 10. The said court hereby created shall have jurisdiction in all civil actions at law and in equity where the value of the matter or thing in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, does not exceed the sum of *one thousand five* hundred dollars (\$1,500). The amount claimed by the plaintiff, where the said claim is for a sum certain, shall be conclusive as to the jurisdiction of the court; in all actions brought for the recovery of money, and in actions at law or in equity not involving any sum certain, the plaintiff shall file with his statement a certificate as to the amount of the thing or matter in controversy. The said court shall also have jurisdiction in any civil cases transferred to it by order of a majority of the judges of any court of common pleas of Philadelphia County.

Transfer of causes.

*The said court shall also have authority, with the consent of the court of common pleas, to transfer to that court all suits wrongfully brought in the municipal court in excess of its jurisdiction.*

APPROVED—The 20th day of May, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 332.

### AN ACT

Authorizing the establishment by counties of hospitals for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis; providing for the management and maintenance thereof; and authorizing the incurring of indebtedness and the levy of taxes therefor.

County hospitals  
for tuberculosis.

Petition for  
establishment.

Submission  
of question  
to electors.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever one hundred or more citizens, residents of the county, petition the county commissioners for the establishment of a county hospital for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, such commissioners shall, at the next general or municipal election, submit to the voters of the county the question whether or not the county shall establish such hospital. Such question shall be printed at the foot of the ballot, and shall be in the form provided by the general election laws for the submission of such questions. The vote on such question shall be returned in the manner prescribed by the general election laws.

Plans and  
specifications.

Section 2. If a majority of the voters voting upon such question at such election shall be in favor of the establishment of the hospital, the county commissioners shall have plans and specifications prepared, and shall select and purchase a site for such hospital. Such plans and specifications and the location of such site shall be approved by the Commissioner of Health before the construction of any building is commenced.

Upon the approval by the Commissioner of Health of the plans and specifications and the location of such hospital, the hospital shall be constructed and equipped in the same manner as other county buildings are constructed and equipped.

Section 3. Such hospital shall be managed by a board of trustees, consisting of five members, who shall be electors of the county, one of whom shall be a licensed physician. Such trustees shall be appointed by the court of common pleas, one for a term of five years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year, or until their successors are appointed and have qualified. All appointments thereafter shall be for a full term of five years. All vacancies in the membership of the board shall be filled by the court of common pleas, upon the petition of the remaining members of the board.

The board of trustees may employ such physicians, nurses, and other employes as may be necessary to properly conduct such hospital, and shall fix their compensation, which shall be paid from the county treasury.

The board of trustees shall make general rules and regulations for the management of the hospital, and are authorized, subject to the approval of the county commissioners, to undertake such coordinated activities as will promote the usefulness of the hospital in the prevention of tuberculosis. They shall serve without compensation, except that actual expenses in connection with their service shall be paid.

Section 4. Every hospital established under this act shall be for the benefit of all of the inhabitants of such county afflicted with tuberculosis, and they shall be entitled to occupancy, nursing, care, and attendance, according to the rules and regulations prescribed by the board of trustees. The board of trustees may exclude from the use of the hospital any persons who wilfully violate any rules or regulations.

Section 5. The board of trustees may collect, from patients admitted to the hospital or from persons legally responsible for their maintenance, reasonable compensation for the treatment of such patients. They may also give free treatment to such persons as are unable to pay.

All moneys received for the treatment of patients or by gift shall be paid into the county treasury, and shall be used only for the maintenance of such hospital; and the said county commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to receive contributions, donations, property, and trust funds for the erection and maintenance of tuberculosis hospitals provided for in this act.

Approval by  
Commissioner of  
Health.

Board of trustees.

Term.

Vacancies.

Employes.

Rules and  
regulations.

Compensation.

Admission of  
patients.

Cost of  
maintenance.

Disposition of  
moneys received.

**Indebtedness.**

Section 6. The county commissioners of every county establishing a hospital under the provisions of this act may incur or increase the indebtedness of the county, to an amount sufficient to pay the cost of purchasing a site and of constructing and equipping the hospital, by issuing coupon bonds at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum (6%) and payable within thirty (30) years from the date of issue.

**Bonds.**

The county commissioners shall levy an annual tax in an amount necessary to pay the interest and sinking fund charges on such bonds.

**Tax.**

Section 7. The county commissioners shall levy an annual tax sufficient for the support of such hospital, which, when collected, shall be paid into the county treasury, and such moneys shall be paid from the county treasury by warrant of the county commissioners, after itemized vouchers have been furnished by the board of trustees.

**Reports.**

Section 8. There shall be an annual report made to the county commissioners and the State Department of Health in accordance with the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Health, who shall, by authorized agent, visit and inspect hospitals established under the provisions of this act.

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AN ACT

To amend section twenty-two of an act, approved the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-six), entitled "An act defining and regulating escheats in cases where property is without a lawful owner, and providing for more convenient proceedings relative to the same," by providing that the traverse to a finding of escheat in certain cases only shall be certified to the court of common pleas.

**Escheats.**

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section twenty-two of an act, approved the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, sixty-six), entitled "An act defining and regulating escheats in cases where property is without a lawful owner, and providing for more convenient proceedings relative to the same," which reads as follows:—

"Section 22. That any person or persons interested, or claiming to be interested, in any property, real or personal, which shall be found to have escheated to the Commonwealth, who have had no actual notice by citation, advertisement, or otherwise of the pendency of any proceedings in escheat, prior to the conclusion of the audit of the account of the person having the escheated property in his possession, and who shall not have subsequently appeared either in person or by attorney in said escheat proceedings, may at any time

Section 22, act  
May 2, 1889  
(P. L. 66), cited  
for amendment.