

No. 84.

AN ACT

Providing for the appointment and expenses of a commission of three persons to codify and revise the laws relating to poor districts and the care of the poor, and making an appropriation.

Laws relating
to poor.
Commission to
revise.
Report.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Governor is authorized to appoint a commission of three persons to codify and revise the laws relating to poor districts and the care of the poor, and to report the same to the next General Assembly, recommending such changes in the existing law as may to such commission seem desirable.

Compensation.

Section 2. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

Expenses.

Legislative
Reference Bureau.

Section 3. The Legislative Reference Bureau is directed to render to said commission all necessary assistance required in the performance of their said duties.

Appropriation.

Section 4. To carry out the purposes of this act the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the use of the commission. Payment of the money shall be on order of the chairman of the commission and on warrant of the Auditor General.

APPROVED—The 13th day of April, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.

No. 85.

AN ACT

To further amend section fifteen of the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred seventy-nine), entitled "An act to provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State asylum for the chronic insane, to be called the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation therefor," as amended; fixing the maximum for maintenance weekly per capita.

State Asylum for
Chronic Insane.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section fifteen of the act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred seventy-nine), entitled "An act to provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a

State asylum for the chronic insane, to be called the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation therefor," which, as amended by the act, approved the third day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet Laws, one hundred eleven), entitled "An act to further amend section fifteen of an act, approved the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, entitled 'An act to provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a State asylum for the chronic insane, to be called the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania, and making an appropriation therefor,' as amended; fixing the maximum for maintenance weekly per capita," reads as follows:—

"Section 15. That the cost of the care and detention of the said chronic insane in said asylum shall not exceed the sum of four dollars per week for each patient, including clothing; two dollars thereof to be charged upon and paid by the several counties and poor districts from which the said insane are received; but the State shall not be required to pay more than the remainder of the actual cost of maintenance in said institution after said payment by said counties; and should any surplus remain, annually, after the cost of maintaining said patients as aforesaid has been ascertained, the same shall be returned to the Commonwealth," is hereby further amended to read as follows:—

Section 15. That the cost of the care and detention of the said chronic insane in said asylum shall not exceed the sum of four dollars per week for each patient, including clothing; two dollars thereof to be charged upon and paid by the several counties and poor districts from which the said insane are received; but the State shall not be required to pay more than the remainder of the actual cost of maintenance in said institution after said payment by said counties; and should any surplus remain annually, after the cost of maintaining said patients as aforesaid has been ascertained, the same shall be returned to the Commonwealth: *Provided, however, That during the period beginning June first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, and ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, the rates aforesaid shall be increased to five dollars (\$5.00) per week maximum for each patient; two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) thereof to be charged upon and paid by the several counties and poor districts as aforesaid, and the remainder of the actual maximum cost thereof shall be paid by the State as aforesaid.*

Section 15, act of June 22, 1891 (P. L. 379), as amended by act of May 3, 1917 (P. L. 111), cited for amendment.

Cost of maintenance of inmates.

To counties or poor districts.

To State.

Proviso.

APPROVED—The 13th day of April, A. D. 1921.

WM. C. SPROUL.