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CHAPTER 227.

AN ACT to create sections 1421—17, 1421—18, 1421—19, 1421—20, 1421—21, 1421—22, 1421—23 and 1421—24 of the statutes, authorizing counties to provide district tuberculosis hospitals.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There are added to the statutes eight new sections to read: Sections 1421—17. 1. The county boards of any counties, not to exceed three, may form themselves into a joint board for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a district hospital for the care and treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis in the advanced and slightly advanced stages. The county board of each county desiring to unite for such purpose may appoint three persons, and all persons so appointed shall constitute a joint committee to obtain a site and erect the necessary buildings thereon, and the powers and duties of such joint committee shall terminate when the buildings are erected and equipped and ready for occupancy.

2. In the selection and acquirement of such site the joint board shall have the same powers as the county board of supervisors. They may receive and hold in trust for the use and benefit of such institution any grant or devise of land and any donation or bequest of money or other personal property that may be made for the establishment and support thereof.

Section 1421—18. Before such joint committee, proposing to erect such an institution, shall proceed to the construction of such an institution, it shall cause complete plans, drawings and specifications for the buildings of such institution to be prepared and submitted to the state board of control of Wisconsin for its approval. No buildings shall be constructed until after the site has been approved by the state board of control of Wisconsin. After the plans, drawings and specifications have been approved by the state board of control of Wisconsin, the joint committee may proceed with the construction of the buildings for such institution.

Section 1421—19. At the time or before the completion of such district hospital the joint boards shall elect a board of trustees to consist of one member from each county represented. The terms of such trustees shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two years, and where three counties are represented, one for three years, and annually thereafter the board of

supervisors of any county in which the term of a trustee or trustees expires shall appoint such trustee or trustees for a term of as many years as there are counties represented and until his or their successors are elected and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled by an election in like manner for the unexpired term of the original appointment. The board of supervisors of any county may remove any trustee for good and sufficient cause.

Section 1421—20. 1. Such trustees shall serve without compensation except that they shall receive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The trustees shall appoint as superintendent of such institution a graduate trained nurse and also a visiting physician and fix their compensation. The trustees shall designate the number of employees of such institution and fix their compensation. The employees shall be selected by the superintendent, subject to the confirmation of the board of trustees. They shall appoint one of their members as president and the superintendent of the hospital may be the secretary of the board. The county treasurer of the county in which such institution is located shall be the treasurer of such institution and shall receive all moneys paid for the maintenance of the inmates of such institution and shall disburse all moneys to be paid on account of such institution, such disbursement to be made upon the order of the trustees. The warrants for such disbursements to be drawn on the treasurer by the president and secretary.

2. Such institution shall be conducted under the rules and regulations made by the superintendent and approved by the board of trustees.

Section 1421--21. 1. The first cost of the tuberculosis hospital, including the cost of equipment and the cost of improvements and additions thereto, shall be paid by the counties comprising the district in proportion to the taxable property of each county as shown by their respective tax rolls.

2. The superintendent shall prepare a quarterly statement, which shall be approved by the board of trustees, showing the daily cost for the current expense of maintaining such hospital, including the cost of the ordinary repairs, and each county in the district shall pay its share of such cost as determined by the number of days the total number of patients from such county have spent in the hospital during the quarter, but the sum paid by patients from such county for their treatment therein shall be deducted from this amount. The county boards of supervisors of counties jointly maintaining a district hospital for tu-

berculosis shall make annual assessments of taxes sufficient to support and defray all necessary expenses of such hospital.

Section 1421—22. 1. All taxes levied by the county board of supervisors of any county under the provisions of section 1421—21 shall, when collected, be paid over to the treasurer of the district tuberculosis hospital by the treasurers of the joint counties and the treasurer of said board of trustees shall receipt therefor and shall create a fund to be known as the "tuberculosis hospital fund," and thereupon said funds may be disbursed by said board of trustees for the use of said district tuberculosis hospital and accounted for as provided in the foregoing sections.

2. The treasurer of the board of trustees shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum as may be fixed by the trustees, the expense of such bond to be paid out of the fund for the maintenance of the hospital. The bond of such treasurer shall be filed with the county clerk of the county in which such institution is located.

Section 1421—23. Said board of trustees shall meet at the tuberculosis hospital monthly and at such other times as they may deem necessary. On the first day of October of each year they shall file with the joint committee a report of their proceedings with reference to such district hospital, and a statement of all receipts and expenditures during the year, and at such time shall certify to the county boards of the different counties the amount necessary to maintain and improve the hospital for the ensuing year.

Section 1421—24. The provisions of sections 1421—12 to 1421—14, inclusive, of the statutes, in so far as they relate to applications for admission, medical examinations, pay patients and state aid shall be applicable in all cases where joint tuberculosis hospitals are erected and maintained.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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