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CHAPTER 354

AN ACT to amend 49.50 (10) of the statutes, relating to a joint committee on standards for certain public institutions.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

49.50 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.50 (10) A joint committee on * * * institution standards consisting of 6 members shall develop minimum uniform standards for the care, treatment, health, safety, welfare and comfort of patients in county institutions *and in the Grand Army home for veterans at King* in accordance with the provisions of ss. 49.18 (1) (b), 49.20 (2) and 49.61 (1m). Three members shall be from the membership of the state board of public welfare chosen by such board. Three members shall be chosen by the governor and shall be designated as the county board member, the county trustee member and the county superintendent member. The county board member shall be chosen from a list of 5 names of county board chairmen submitted by the Wisconsin county boards association. The county trustee and superintendent members shall be chosen from a list of 5 names for each position submitted by the Wisconsin county hospital association. Terms of office shall begin on January 1, 1952 and shall continue for a period of 2 years. Any member shall be disqualified and cease to be a member of the committee upon losing the status upon which his appointment as a member was based. Vacancies shall be filled in the original manner for the unexpired term. All members shall serve without compensation. A uniform standards plan shall be submitted to the state board of public welfare on or before June 1, 1952. The board shall have power to establish and enforce the standards submitted by the joint committee. Annually, between January 1 and June 1 of each year the joint committee on standards shall review the minimum standards and rules and regulations for their establishment and enforcement and recommend to the state board of public welfare any changes. Such changes shall be effective as of July 1 of that year. If any county home or infirmary fails within 90 days to comply with the uniform standards in a manner satisfactory to the department it may suspend state aid to such institution.

Approved June 25, 1953.