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**CHAPTER 604**

AN ACT to renumber and amend 49.50 (10) ; and to create 51.25 (3) of the statutes, relating to supervision of county mental hospitals.

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

SECTION 1. 49.50 (10) of the statutes is renumbered 46.165 and amended to read:

46.165 JOINT COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS. A joint committee on institution standards consisting of \* \* \* 7 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) \* \* \*, 49.61 (1m) and 51.25 (3). Three members shall be from the membership of the state board of public welfare chosen by such board. \* \* \* *Four* members shall be chosen by the governor and shall be designated as the county board member, the county trustee member \* \* \*, the county superintendent member and the member from counties having a population of 500,000 or more. 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. *The member from counties having a population of 500,000 or more shall be chosen from a list of 5 names submitted by the board of public welfare of such county.* 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 *but shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.* A uniform standards plan shall be submitted to the state board of public welfare on or before June 1, 1952 and a *plan for county mental hospitals shall be submitted on or before June 1, 1960.* The board \* \* \* *may* 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 \* \* \* 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 *or hospital* 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.

SECTION 2. 51.25 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

51.25 (3) STANDARDS. The provisions of s. 46.165 shall apply to county institutions established under this section.

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