

1971 Senate Bill 124

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AN ACT to amend 46.18 (1) and (12) of the statutes, relating to joint boards of trustees and superintendents of county institutions.

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

46.18 (1) and (12) of the statutes are amended to read:

46.18 (1) Every county home, infirmary, hospital, ~~except mental hospitals in counties operating a community mental health, alcoholism and mental retardation program pursuant to s. 51.42,~~ tuberculosis hospital or sanatorium, or similar institution, or house of correction established by any county whose population is less than 500,000 shall (subject to regulations approved by the county board) be managed by 3 a board of trustees, electors of the county, ~~elected~~ chosen by ballot by the county board. ~~Six months before completion of the buildings for any such institution the county board shall elect 3 trustees whose terms shall begin at once and end, respectively, on the first Monday of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th January next thereafter. -- At its annual meeting in every subsequent year (and prior to January next) the county board shall elect one trustee for a term of 3 years to begin on the first Monday of January next thereafter. At its annual meeting, the county board shall appoint an uneven number of trustees, from 3 to 9 at the option of the board, for staggered 3-year terms ending the first Monday in January. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the county board; but the county chairman may appoint a trustee to fill the vacancy until the county board acts. Where any county operates both a county home and county hospital and any part of the county hospital comprising a public medical institution, the county board may provide that the facilities may be governed pursuant to s. 51.42 but the facilities shall not be eligible for grants in aid under s. 51.42.~~

(12) The county board may provide that the trustees and superintendent of any institution shall be the trustees and superintendent of any other institution.