

capita cost of maintenance, or a part thereof by the state department of public welfare or by the county in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, pursuant to law.

SECTION 3. 51.24 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.24 (2) The state shall compensate every such county for all insane persons maintained at public cost at its hospital for mental diseases, commencing July 1, * * * 1945, at the rate of * * * \$5 per week for each acute insane person and * * * \$2.50 per week for each chronic insane person. The first period of computation for such compensation shall be for the 6 months period ending December 31, * * * 1945, and each succeeding period of computation for such compensation shall be each succeeding 6 months next after the expiration of said first 6 months period. *When any patient is temporarily transferred from the hospital for mental diseases to the county hospital for surgical or medical care or both, the state credit provided in this subsection shall continue to be paid for the period of such transfer.*

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CHAPTER 245.

AN ACT to amend 62.13 (5) (d), (e) and (h) of the statutes, relating to the powers of police and fire commissions.

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

62.13 (5) (d), (e) and (h) of the statutes are amended to read:

62.13 (5) (d) If the board shall determine that the charges are not sustained, the accused, if he has been suspended, shall be immediately reinstated. If the board shall determine that the charges are sustained, the accused, by order of the board, may be suspended, *or* reduced in rank, *or* *suspended and reduced in rank*, or removed, as the good of the service may require.

(e) Findings and determinations hereunder and orders of suspension, reduction, *suspension and reduction*, or removal, shall be in writing and, if they follow a hearing, shall be filed within 3 days thereof with the secretary of the board:

(h) Any person suspended, reduced, *suspended and reduced*, or removed after investigation may appeal from the order to the circuit court by serving written notice thereof on the secretary of the board within 10 days after the order is filed. Within 5 days thereafter the board shall certify to the clerk of the circuit court the record of the proceedings, including all documents, testimony and minutes. The action shall then be at issue and shall have precedence over any other cause of a different nature pending in said court, which shall always be open to the trial thereof. The court shall upon application of the accused or of the board fix a date of trial, which shall not be later than 15 days after such application except by agreement. The trial shall be by the court and upon the return of the board, except that the court may require further return or the taking and return of further evidence by the board. The question to be determined by the court shall be: Upon the evidence was the order of the board reasonable? No costs shall be allowed either party and the clerk's fees shall be paid by the city. If the order of the board is reversed, the accused shall be forthwith reinstated and entitled to his pay as though in continuous service. If the order of the board is sustained it shall be final and conclusive.

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CHAPTER 246.

AN ACT to repeal 215.16; to renumber 215.27 (5) to be 215.27 (7); to amend 215.07 (3), (6) and (9m), 215.15, 215.256, 215.26, and 215.332 (1); to repeal and recreate 215.14 and 215.27 (4); and to create 215.07 (8) and 215.27 (5) and (6) of the statutes, relating to building and loan associations, fidelity bonds for officers and employes thereof, and providing a penalty.

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

SECTION 1. 215.07 (3) (6) and (as created by chapter 568, laws of 1943, section 1a) (9m) of the statutes are amended to read:

215.07 (3) To acquire, by purchase, *exchange*, or otherwise, only such real estate as may be necessary for the protection or