

## CHAPTER 56.

S. F. 403. AN ACT to provide for the payment of the current expense fund for the hospitals for the insane quarterly in advance.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Sec. 1390 of code amended. SECTION 1. Section 1390 of the code of 1873 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The treasurer shall execute a bond to the state of Iowa for the use of the hospital (naming which), in double the highest amount of money likely to come into his hands, and with such securities as the executive council shall require, conditioned that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office, and pay over and account for all money that shall come into his hands, and the same shall be filed with the secretary of state. He shall receive such compensation as the board shall fix, not exceeding one half of one per cent on all moneys paid out by him. Upon authority granted by the board he may draw from the state treasury, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, upon his order, approved by the superintendent and not less than two of the trustees, and under seal of the hospital, a sufficient amount quarterly in advance for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of the hospital, but the amount of each requisition shall in no case exceed sixteen dollars per month for each public patient in the hospital, taking the number of such patients on the fifteenth day of each month for the previous three months as the average number on which the estimate shall be made, the number then in the hospital to be certified to the auditor of state by the superintendent and steward, which certificate shall accompany the requisition. But no part of the money so drawn for current expenses shall be used in making improvements. Upon the presentation of such order to the auditor of state, he shall draw a warrant upon the treasurer of state for the amount therein specified, not exceeding the amount for each patient hereinbefore specified.

*Provided* that no requisition shall be issued earlier in any one quarter of the year than the first day of February, May, August, and November.

Approved April 8, 1896.