

relief at the public expense, they may afford such relief, subject to the approval of the board of supervisors, as the necessities of the person require, and shall report the case forthwith to the board of supervisors, who may continue or deny relief, as they find cause.

Sec. 14. Allowance by board of supervisors. The board of supervisors may examine into all claims, including claims for medical attendance, allowed by the township trustees for the support of the poor, and if they find the amount allowed by said trustees to be unreasonable, exorbitant or for any goods or services other than for the necessities of life, they may reject or diminish the claim as in their judgment would be right and just, and this section shall apply to all counties in the state, whether there are county homes established in the same or not. This and the preceding section shall apply to acts of overseers of poor in cities as well as to township trustees.

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CHAPTER 95

HOSPITALS FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

H. F. 142

AN ACT TO amend, revise, and codify chapter fourteen (14) of title twelve (12) of the compiled code of Iowa, and of the supplement to said code, relating to county public hospitals and detention hospitals for contagious diseases.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa

That chapter fourteen (14) of title twelve (12) of the compiled Code of Iowa, and of the supplement to said Code is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

CHAPTER

COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITALS

Section 1. County public hospitals - petition - requirements. When it is proposed to establish in any county a county public hospital, a petition shall be presented to the board of supervisors, signed by two hundred (200) or more resident freeholders of such county, at least one hundred fifty (150) of whom shall not be residents of the city, town, or village where it is proposed to locate such hospital, requesting said board to submit to the electors the proposition to issue bonds for the purpose of procuring a site, and erecting, equipping, and maintaining such hospital, and specifying the amount of bonds proposed to be issued for such purpose, which shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

Sec. 2. Submission to vote. Upon the presentation of such petition, the board of supervisors shall submit to the voters of the county at the next general election the question of issuing bonds and levying a tax for such hospital in the form and manner required for the submission of public measures in the title on elections.

Sec. 3. Submission at special election. Should said petition so request and the board of supervisors unanimously so order, said proposition may be submitted at a special election to be called by said board in the manner provided by law for submitting propositions at special elections.

Sec. 4. Bonds issued. Should a majority of all the votes cast upon the proposition at a general election be in favor of establishing such hospital, the board of supervisors shall proceed to issue bonds of the county not to exceed the amount specified in said proposition, in denominations of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), drawing interest at a rate not to exceed five per cent (5%) per annum, payable annually or semiannually. Said bonds shall be due and payable in twenty (20) years from date of issuance, but at the option of the county payable at any time after five (5) years from such date, and shall be substantially in the form provided for county bonds, and shall show on their face that they are county public hospital bonds payable only from the county public hospital fund as provided for in the following section.

Sec. 4-a. Vote required at special election. Said proposition when presented at a special election shall not be deemed carried unless the number of votes cast at such special election is not less than a majority of the total number of votes cast at the last preceding general election in said county for governor, and unless said proposition receives at said special election a majority of the votes cast.

Sec. 5. Tax levy for county public hospital fund. If the hospital is established, the board of supervisors at the time of levying ordinary taxes, shall levy a tax at the rate voted, not to exceed two (2) mills in any one (1) year, for the erection and equipment thereof, and also a tax not to exceed two (2) mills for the maintenance of the hospital as certified by the board of hospital trustees. The proceeds of such taxes shall constitute the county public hospital fund.

Sec. 6. County treasurer to sell bonds. The county treasurer shall dispose of the bonds in the same manner as other county bonds, and the same shall not be sold for less than par with accrued interest.

Sec. 7. Hospital trustees - appointment - terms of office. When it has been determined by the voters of a county to establish a county public hospital, the board shall appoint seven (7) trustees chosen from among the resident citizens of the county with reference to their fitness for such office, three (3) of whom may be women, and not more than four (4) of such trustees shall be residents of the city, town, or village at which such hospital is located. Such trustees shall hold office until the following general election, at which time their successors shall be elected, two (2) for a term of two (2) years, two (2) for four (4) years, and three (3) for six (6) years, and they shall determine by lot their respective terms, and thereafter their successors shall be elected for regular terms of six (6) years each, none of whom shall be physicians or licensed practitioners.

Sec. 8. Vacancies - how filled. Vacancies in the board of trustees shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments, such appointees to hold office until the following general election.

Sec. 9. Organization of board - meetings - quorum. Said trustees shall, within ten (10) days after their appointment or election, qualify by taking the usual oath of office, but no bond shall be required of them, and organize by the election of one (1) of their number as chairman and one (1) as secretary. Said board shall meet at least once each month. Four (4) members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transac-

tion of business. The secretary shall keep a complete record of its proceedings.

Sec. 10. County treasurer to handle funds. The county treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds under the control of said board of trustees, the same to be paid out only upon warrants drawn by the county auditor by direction of the board of supervisors after the claim for which the same is drawn has been certified to be correct by the said board of trustees.

Sec. 11. Powers and duties of trustees. Said board of hospital trustee shall:

1. Purchase, condemn, or lease a site for such public hospital, and provide and equip suitable hospital buildings.
2. Cause plans and specifications to be made and adopted for all hospital buildings and equipment, and advertise for bids as required by law for other county buildings, before making any contract for the construction of any such building or the purchase of such equipment.
3. Have general supervision and care of such grounds and buildings.
4. Employ a superintendent, a matron, and necessary assistants and employees, and fix their compensation.
5. Have control and supervision over the physicians, nurses, attendants, and patients in the hospital.
6. Cause one (1) of its members to visit and examine said hospital at least twice each month.
7. Provide a suitable room for detention and examination of persons brought before the commissioners of insanity of the county, if such hospital is located at the county seat.
8. Determine whether or not any applicant is indigent and entitled to free treatment therein, and to fix the price to be paid by other patients admitted to such hospital for their care and treatment therein.
9. Fix at its regular August meeting in each year, the amount necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the hospital during the ensuing year, and cause the president and the secretary to certify the same to the county auditor before September first of each year.
10. File with the board of supervisors during the first week in January of each year, a report covering their proceedings with reference to such hospital, and a statement of all receipts and expenditures during the preceding calendar year.
11. Accept property by gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise.

Sec. 12. Optional powers and duties of trustees. The board of hospital trustee may:

1. Adopt by-laws and rules for its own guidance and for the government of the hospital.
2. Establish and maintain in connection with said hospital a training school for nurses.
3. Establish as a department in connection with said hospital a suitable building for the isolation and detention of persons afflicted with contagious diseases subject to quarantine.
4. Determine whether or not, and if so upon what terms, it will extend the privileges of the hospital to nonresidents of the county.
5. Adopt some suitable name other than county public hospital for hospitals either operating now, in process of construction, or to be established hereafter.
6. Operate said hospital as a tuberculosis sanatorium or provide as a department of such hospital such accommodation and means for the

care of persons afflicted with tuberculosis.

7. Formulate rules and regulations for the government of tuberculosis patients and the protection of other patients, nurses, and attendants from infection.

Sec. 13. Trustees - pecuniary interest prohibited. No trustee shall have, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary interest in the purchase or sale of any commodities or supplies procured for or disposed of by said hospital.

Sec. 14. Who entitled to hospital benefits - terms. Any resident of the county who is sick or injured shall be entitled to the benefits of such hospital, but every such person, except such as may have been found to be indigent and entitled to free care and treatment, shall pay to the board of hospital trustees reasonable compensation for care and treatment according to the rules and regulations established by the board. To be entitled to hospital benefits, patient must at all times observe the rules of conduct prescribed by the board of hospital trustees.

Sec. 14-a. Duty of trustees as to collections. It shall be the duty of the trustees either by themselves or through the superintendent to make collections of all accounts for hospital services rendered for others than indigent patients. Such account shall be payable on presentation to the person liable therefor, of an itemized statement and if not paid or secured within sixty (60) days after such presentation the said trustees shall proceed to enforce collections by such legal proceedings as they may deem necessary. All legal services for such purpose shall be performed by the county attorney without additional compensation.

Sec. 15. No discrimination. In the management of such hospital, no discrimination shall be made against the practitioners of any recognized school of medicine; and each patient shall have the right to employ at his expense any physician of his choice; and any such physician, when so employed by the patient, shall have exclusive charge of the care and treatment of the patient; and attending nurses shall be subject to the direction of such physician.

Sec. 16. Trustees - compensation - expenses. No trustee shall receive any compensation for his service performed under this chapter, but he shall be reimbursed for any cash expenditures actually made for personal expenses incurred in the performance of his duties. An itemized statement of such expenses, verified by the oath of each such trustee, shall be filed with the secretary, and the same shall only be allowed by an affirmative vote of all trustees present at the meeting of the board.

Sec. 17. Municipal jurisdiction. When such hospital is located on land outside of, but adjacent to a city or town, the ordinances of such city or town relating to fire and police protection and control, sanitary regulations, and public utility service, shall be in force upon and over such hospital and grounds and such city or town shall have jurisdiction to enforce such ordinances.

Sec. 18. County wards in public or private hospitals. The board of supervisors of any county in which no county hospital has been established may, in its discretion, establish one or more wards in any public or private hospital situated in the county for the use of the county under such regulations as may be agreed upon with the board having such hospital in charge. For such purpose the board of supervisors may levy a tax not

exceeding one-half of one (1) mill.

Sec. 19. Persons entitled to occupy county wards. All questions as to the character of patients who shall occupy said wards so established and all rules regulating the occupancy thereof shall be determined by the board of supervisors in the same manner and with the same force and effect as in the case of patients assigned to the county hospital in counties having such.

CHAPTER INDIGENT TUBERCULAR PATIENTS

Sec. 20. Care for indigent tubercular patients. The board of supervisors of each county shall provide suitable care and treatment for indigent persons suffering from tuberculosis, and where no other suitable provision has been made, they may contract for such care and treatment with the board of trustees of any hospital, not maintained for pecuniary profit.

Sec. 21. May provide separate building. Said board of supervisors may construct, or otherwise provide, and equip suitable buildings in connection with any hospital in the county for the segregation, care, and treatment of patients afflicted with tuberculosis. No institution, hospital, or building for the care and treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis shall be established at any county home.

Sec. 22. Payment for construction. The board may, in counties having a population of over fifteen thousand (15,000) and, under sixty-seven thousand (67,000), appropriate a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars. (\$5,000.00), and in counties of less than fifteen thousand (15,000), a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for acquiring, constructing and equipping sites and buildings, without submitting the question to a vote.

Sec. 23. Allowance for support. The board of supervisors shall allow, from the poor fund of the county, for the care and support of each tuberculous patient cared for in any such institution, a sum not exceeding fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per week.

Sec. 24. Inspection powers of board of control. Any such department shall be inspected and approved by the board of control, which board shall have the power to require alternations in buildings and equipment, and such changes in treatment as may be necessary in order to make the institution and treatment conform to modern and accepted methods for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Sec. 25. Commitment to state sanatorium. Any person suffering from tuberculosis, who shall persistently refuse to obey or comply with the rules of any institution for the care of tuberculosis patients, may, by order of the district court of the county in which such institution is located, be committed to the state sanatorium, subject to the rules of admission at said institution, or to any county sanatorium or other institution where tuberculous patients are treated.

Sec. 26. Tuberculous patients violating laws and regulations. If any patient being treated for tuberculosis at the state sanatorium, or any county sanatorium or other institution where tuberculosis is cared for,

shall refuse to comply with the laws of the state or rules for the government of the institutions named herein, and shall persistently, or carelessly, or maliciously, violate such laws or rules so as to menace the welfare of said institution or to interfere with the administration, order or peace of said institution, then upon complaint of the superintendent or any institution herein designated, such person may, by order of the district court, be segregated and forcibly detained in a ward or room, for such purpose, and for such period of time as may be deemed advisable by the court, to the end that such person may be properly treated, and the population of such institution may be protected and the decorum maintained.

CHAPTER

DETENTION HOSPITAL FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Sec. 27. Contagious disease detention hospitals. When the board of supervisors of any county shall be presented with a petition signed by three hundred (300) resident freeholders of the county, of whom two hundred (200) shall be residents of the city, town, or village where it is proposed to establish and equip a hospital for the detention of persons suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, the board, when authorized by the vote of the people at any election called and held as provided in the chapter relating to county public hospitals, shall order the erection and equipment of such hospital, at a cost of not more than the amount voted, which shall in no event exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00).

Sec. 28. Detention hospital bonds - tax levy. The board of supervisors shall issue the bonds of the county covering the cost of the erection and equipment of said hospital, which bonds shall be payable at the option of the county at any time within fifteen (15) years, and shall draw interest at the rate of not more than five per cent (5%) per annum, payable annually. The board shall make such levy as will pay the said bonds and interest thereon as they come due. Such funds shall be used for no other purpose.

Sec. 29. Management and control - statutes applicable. The establishment, maintenance, and control of such hospital shall be in accordance with the provisions of the chapter relating to county public hospitals, so far as applicable.

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CHAPTER 96

RELIEF FOR SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES

H. F. 144

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify sections thirty-three hundred forty-two (3342) to thirty-three hundred forty-four (3344), inclusive, thirty-three hundred forty-six (3346) and thirty-three hundred forty-seven (3347) of the compiled code of Iowa, and section thirty-three hundred forty-five (3345) of the supplement to said code, relating to relief for soldiers, sailors, marines, and nurses.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa