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CHAPTER 386.

The District Houses of Refuge Act.

- Interpretation.** **1.** In this Act,—
- “District.” (a) “District” shall mean a provisional judicial district; R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 1.
- “Inspector.” (b) “Inspector” shall mean inspector appointed under *The Department of Public Welfare Act*. See 1931, c. 75, s. 3.
- How established.** **2.** A house of refuge may be established, erected and maintained in a district when a by-law authorizing the same has been passed in a majority of the organized municipalities of such district. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 2.
- Joint house of refuge.** **3.** When by-laws authorizing the same have been passed in a majority of the organized municipalities in two or more contiguous districts a joint house of refuge may be established. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 3.
- Approved by Lieutenant-Governor.** **4.** When such by-laws have been passed, certified copies shall be transmitted to the Minister of Public Welfare for the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and, if approved of, a board of management shall be appointed. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 4; 1931, c. 75, s. 2.
- Board of management.**
- How composed.** **5.**—(1) The board of management shall be a corporation and shall consist of five persons resident in the district, and shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for a term of three years, and in the case of contiguous districts agreeing to join in a joint house of refuge, the board shall consist of three persons resident in each of the districts appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for a term of three years.
- Term of office.** (2) The members of the board shall hold office for a term of three years and until their successors are appointed. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 5.
- Site for house.** **6.** The board shall select the site for the house of refuge, which shall be inspected by an inspector and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 6; 1931, c. 75, s. 3.

7. The board shall have charge of the erection and maintenance of the house of refuge and shall have the same powers as provided for in sections 7 and 8 of *The Houses of Refuge Act*. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 7. Powers of board.
Rev. Stat. c. 385.

8. The board shall have the powers which are conferred upon the council of a county by sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of *The Houses of Refuge Act*, and those sections so far as applicable to a house of refuge established by a county shall apply to a house of refuge established under this Act. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 8. Powers of county councils conferred on boards of management.
Rev. Stat. c. 385.

9. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that there be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the board of each house of refuge erected in a district, and which has acquired not less than forty-five acres of land and uses it in connection therewith, a sum not exceeding \$4,000. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 9. Grant from Consolidated Revenue Fund.

10. Where two or more districts establish a joint house of refuge under this Act and have acquired one hundred acres of land and use it in connection therewith, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that there be paid to the board out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding \$4,000 for each district uniting in the establishment of such joint house of refuge. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 10. In the case of a joint house.

11. The amount of the grant shall not in the case of a house of refuge established for a district exceed the amount levied and collected in such district for the purpose of the establishment and erection of the house of refuge, and in the case of a joint house of refuge the aggregate of the amounts levied and collected for such purpose in the districts by which the house of refuge is established. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 11. Assessment for maintenance.

12.—(1) The cost of establishing, erecting and maintaining a house of refuge shall be defrayed by the corporations of the organized municipalities in the districts by which it is established in proportion to the amount of their assessment according to the last revised assessment roll, and by the ratepayers in school sections in unorganized townships in proportion to the amount of the assessment for school purposes. Providing cost of maintenance.

(2) In unorganized townships the amount required to be raised for the purposes of this Act shall be apportioned by the board among the different school sections in proportion to their respective assessments for school purposes, and shall be assessed, levied and collected by the same persons, in the same Apportionment of amount.

manner and at the same times as rates for school purposes, and shall when collected be paid over to the board, and the provisions of law with respect to school taxes in unorganized townships shall, so far as practicable, apply *mutatis mutandis* to the rates levied under this Act.

In unorganized townships, etc.

In organized townships.

(3) The board shall in each year apportion the amount which it estimates will be required to defray the expenditure for that year among the organized municipalities and school sections liable to pay the same, and shall on or before the 31st day of January notify the clerk of each municipality, and in unorganized townships the secretary of each school board, of the amount to be provided, and each municipality and school section in unorganized municipalities shall pay such amount to the board on demand, and shall include the same in its estimates for the then current year and levy and collect the same in like manner as taxes are levied and collected. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 12.

Notice of amount to be provided.

Aid from Legislative grants. Rev. Stat. c. 381.

13. A house of refuge established under this Act shall be entitled to receive aid under *The Charitable Institutions Act* at a *per diem* rate fixed from time to time by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for each inmate while he is maintained therein. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 13; 1931, c. 75, s. 4.

Liability for indigent inmates from municipalities in other districts.

14.—(1) Where an inmate in a district house of refuge was at the time of his admission a resident in a municipality in a territorial district other than the one for which the house of refuge is established, such municipality shall if the inmate is an indigent person be liable to pay to the board for the maintenance of such inmate at the rate of seventy cents per day for every day in which he is an inmate in the house of refuge. 1931, c. 75, s. 5, *part*; 1933, c. 59, s. 29.

Meaning of "resident."

(2) For the purposes of this section, an inmate shall be deemed to be a resident in a municipality if he actually resided therein for three months out of the five months next preceding admission to the house of refuge. 1931, c. 75, s. 5, *part*.

Accounts to be submitted and audited.

15. The accounts of a house of refuge shall be submitted quarterly to an inspector, and audited in the same manner as accounts relating to the administration of justice in districts. R.S.O. 1927, c. 349, s. 14; 1931, c. 75, s. 3.