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I. Hospitals generally.

An act to provide for the incorporation of associations for the erection and maintenance of hospitals, infirmaries, orphanages, asylums and other charitable institutions.

P. L. 1877, p. 159.

Approved March 9, 1877.

What certificate of incorporation shall set forth.

1. [Amended by Sec. 14, *post.*]
2. That such certificate in writing shall set forth—
 - I. The name or title assumed to designate such association ;
 - II. The place or places in this state where the purposes of such association are to be carried out ;
 - III. The purposes for which the association shall be formed ;
 - IV. The names of the governors or directors who shall manage its affairs for the first year of its existence.

Certificate to be acknowledged and recorded.

3. That such certificate shall be proved, or acknowledged and recorded, as required of deeds of real estate, in a book to be kept for the recording of certificates of incorporation, in the office of the clerk of the county where the principal purposes of such association are to be carried out, and after being so recorded shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state ; the said certificate, or a copy thereof, duly certified by said clerk or secretary, shall be evidences in all courts and places.

Incorporation, how effected.

4. That upon making such certificate and causing the same to be recorded and filed as aforesaid, the said persons so associating, their successors and assigns, shall, by virtue of this act, be a body politic and corporate, in fact and in law, by the name stated in such certificate, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all courts

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and places whatsoever, to make and use a common seal, and the same to use at pleasure, and to purchase and take, have, hold, receive and enjoy any lands, tenements or hereditaments, in fee simple, or otherwise, and any goods, chattels or property of any description, real or personal, and whether acquired by gift, grant, devise, bequest or otherwise, and the same to grant, convey, lease, assign, sell or otherwise dispose of, for the purposes of said association.

5. That the governors or directors of such association shall have power, from time to time, to make, alter and amend by-laws, not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of the United States or of this state, fixing and altering the number of its governors or directors for the management of its property and the regulation and government of its affairs, and providing for the classification of and the mode of increasing or perpetuating the governors or directors of the association, and the mode of filling vacancies in, and removing any member from their number, and prescribing qualifications for membership of the association, and to appoint one or more superintendents or managers, and such other agents and officers as shall, in their judgment, tend to promote or advance any purpose of the association, and to prescribe their expected duties.

Management and government.

6. That no governor or director of any association organized under this act shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary or emoluments from such association, nor shall any compensation whatever be voted, allowed or paid by the governors or directors thereof to any governor or director for services, either as governor or director, or in any other capacity.

Compensation for services not to be allowed

7. [Amended by Sec. 11, *post.*]

Supplement.

Approved March 1, 1888.

P. L. 1888, p. 126.

8. SEC. 1. That the establishment and maintenance of schools for the mental, moral and physical education of children of idiotic and feeble mind, is hereby declared and provided to be one of the purposes contemplated by the said act, and for which corporations might be formed under the same, as fully as if the said purposes had been particularly mentioned therein.

Establishment of schools for education of feeble-minded children to be one of the purposes of act.

Supplement.

Approved March 30, 1889.

P. L. 1889, p. 131.

9. SEC. 1. That it shall be lawful for any hospital association incorporated under the act to which this is a supplement, to change the name of such association, and to adopt a new name.

Associations may change and adopt new name.

10. SEC. 2. That any such change shall be adopted only by a two-thirds vote of the governors or directors of such association present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose of considering the same, and when so adopted, a certified statement of such change of name, signed by the president, and attested by the secretary, under the seal of the corporation, if it have a seal, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the county wherein the hospital of such association is situated, and also in the office of the secretary of state of this state, and upon such filing the name of said association shall be changed as stated in said certificate, and the said change shall have the same force and effect as if the altered provision had been contained in the original certificate of incorporation; but no change in the name of such association shall in anywise affect or alter its rights and privileges or liabilities, but such association shall be entitled to have, receive and hold, under its new name, any property which it formerly held or which may be hereafter given or bequeathed to it under its original name.

Change of name, how adopted.

Where certificate filed.

Supplement.

Approved June 20, 1890.

P. L. 1890, p. 493.

11. SEC. 1. That section seven of the act to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby amended so that the same shall read as follows :

Property not exceeding \$10,000 exempt from taxation.

[That the property and effects of any association organized under this act, and held for its purposes to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, shall not be liable to the imposition of any taxes.]

Supplement.

Approved March 9, 1891.

P. L. 1891, p. 93.

Hospitals authorized to establish branches.

Proviso.

Repealer.

12. SEC. 1. That every association heretofore or hereafter incorporated under and in pursuance of the act to which this is a supplement shall have the power to establish a branch institution or institutions in any place or places in this state; *provided*, that said association shall maintain its principal institution at the place named in its certificate of incorporation.

13. SEC. 2. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect immediately.

Amendatory act.

Approved April 16, 1891.

P. L. 1891, p. 428.

Number of persons who may make certificate of association.

14. SEC. 1. That the first section of the act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of associations for the erection and maintenance of hospitals, infirmaries, orphanages, asylums, and other charitable institutions," approved March ninth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

[That any three or more persons of full age, a majority of whom shall be citizens of and residents within this state, who shall desire to associate themselves together for the purpose of the care, cure, nurture, or maintenance of sick, injured, infirm, aged, indigent, deaf, dumb, blind, idiotic, or insane persons, or of orphans, half orphans or destitute children, or for the training, education, instruction or preparation of persons, male or female, to act as nurses, or for any two or more of such purposes combined, may make, record and file a certificate in writing, in manner hereinafter mentioned.]

Supplement.

Approved March 7, 1893.

P. L. 1893, p. 91.

Training school may prescribe rules and regulation to confer degree upon its graduates.

Proviso.

15. SEC. 1. That any training school, organized or to be organized under the act to which this is a supplement, or under any supplement thereto, may confer the degree of medical and surgical nurse upon any of its graduates, under such rules and regulations as such training school may prescribe; *provided*, that instruction be given in anatomy, physiology, hygiene, dietetics and medical, surgical, obstetrical and gynecological nursing.

An act concerning hospitals.

Approved April 20, 1885.

P. L. 1885, p. 275.

Hospitals, by whom conducted.

Proviso.

16. SEC. 1. That the affairs and management of the property and concerns of any corporation of this state incorporated under any general law of this state, or by a special charter, and including among the objects of its incorporation the care, nurture and maintenance of the sick, infirm, aged and indigent persons and orphans, half orphans and destitute children, may be conducted by a council or governing body consisting of residents of any county of this state; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall change the title of such governing body or the number of individuals to compose such body.

An act to further provide for filling vacancies caused by death or resignation in the boards of trustees of incorporated hospitals.

Approved March 30, 1886.

P. L. 1886, p. 166.

Vacancies in board of trustees, how filled.

Repealer.

17. SEC. 1. That vacancies caused by death or resignation of members of the boards of trustees of any incorporated hospital in this state, whose boards are now authorized to fill such vacancies, may hereafter be filled by a vote of a majority of the members constituting a quorum of such boards for the transaction of other business.

18. SEC. 2. That so much of any act as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act be and the same is hereby repealed.

An act in relation to incorporated hospital associations.

Approved March 10, 1887.

P. L. 1887, p. 25.

19. SEC. 1. That it shall be lawful for any hospital association incorporated under any special act of the legislature of this state to change the name of such association and to adopt a new name; to increase the number of managers and officers of such association, and to extend the terms for which they are or may be elected; to change and regulate the manner of appointing the medical staff of the hospital or hospitals of such association; to alter the qualifications of members of the association as to voting; to provide for honorary and life members of the association, and to make such other changes from time to time in the form of government of such association as may be consistent with the objects for which it was originally incorporated and which may not be contrary to the constitution of this state.

Specially-incorporated hospital association may change name, increase the number of managers and officers, &c.

20. SEC. 2. That any such change shall be adopted only by a two-thirds vote of the members of such association present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose of considering the same, and when so adopted a certified statement of such change or alteration, signed by the president and attested by the secretary, under the seal of the corporation, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the county wherein the hospital of such institution is situated and in the office of the secretary of state of this state, and upon such filing the said changes or alterations shall have the same force and effect as if the altered provisions had been contained in the original act of incorporation; but no change in the name of such association shall in any wise affect or alter its rights and privileges or liabilities, but such association shall be entitled to have, receive and hold under its new name any property which it formerly held or which may be hereafter given or bequeathed to it under its original name; this act shall take effect immediately.

Change of name, how made.

Certificate to be filed.

An act to further provide for the formation of a quorum in the boards of trustees of incorporated hospitals.

Approved March 10, 1888.

P. L. 1888, p. 188.

21. SEC. 1. That it shall be lawful for the board of trustees of any incorporated hospital in this state to determine by their by-laws from time to time what number of persons shall constitute a quorum, which shall not be less than seven persons, for the transaction of the business of said board.

Quorum of board to be determined by trustees.

22. SEC. 2. That so much of any act as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Repealer.

II. Hospitals in cities and towns, &c.

An act authorizing the establishment of hospitals in the cities of this state.

Approved February 23, 1883.

P. L. 1883, p. 47.

23. SEC. 1. That it shall be lawful for the legislative or governing body of any city in this state whenever, in its judgment, the public needs require it, to establish and maintain therein a hospital which shall be devoted exclusively to the treatment and relief of the indigent sick and disabled of said city; all property acquired under the provisions of this act shall belong to and be vested in the municipality wherein such hospital is established; and the said municipality, by its corporate name, shall and may sue and be sued, answer and be answered unto, in all courts and elsewhere, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints and demands whatsoever growing out of the creation and maintenance of the said institution.

City authorities authorized to establish hospital.

24. SEC. 2. That the said hospital, when established as aforesaid, shall be managed and controlled by a board of directors consisting of fifteen persons, of which board the mayor of said city, the president of its legislative department and the chairman of its finance committee or its board of finance (where such board exists), shall be ex-officio members; the

To be managed by board of fifteen directors, to consist of mayor, &c.

remaining twelve persons who shall constitute, with the officers already named, the first board of directors, shall be chosen by the mayor of the said city wherein said hospital is established; they shall be residents and electors of said city; and of said board and all boards subsequently chosen, at least three shall be members of the medical profession, who shall also be members of the medical staff of said hospital.

Board to be divided into classes.

25. SEC. 3. That within ten days after the selection of a board of directors as aforesaid, the persons so selected shall meet, and, by lot or otherwise, divide themselves into three classes of four persons each, each class to serve respectively one, two and three years; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the re-election, as hereinafter provided, of any member or members of said classes whose term or terms may so expire.

26. SEC. 4. [Amended by Sec. 30, *post.*]

Authorized to make by-laws, &c.

27. SEC. 5. That said board of directors shall have power and authority to make and establish, from time to time, such by-laws and regulations as they may deem necessary or proper for the efficient management of said hospital and the conduct of its affairs; *provided, however,* that no regulations of said directors shall allow of any preference being shown in the admission of patients or in granting relief to the sick or distressed on account of difference in religious faith, or color, or the birthplace or parentage of the applicants for treatment.

Proviso.

Majority shall constitute a quorum.

Officers, how appointed.

28. SEC. 6. That a majority of the said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business relating to the said hospital; and the said board shall annually choose from its members a president, vice president, and secretary, and shall have power to appoint such physicians and surgeons, superintendents and matrons, assistants and servants, as the demands of the said hospital may require.

29. SEC. 7. [Amended by Sec. 31, *post.*]

Supplement.

P. L. 1884, p. 16.

Approved February 13, 1884

30. SEC. 1. That section four of the act entitled "An act authorizing the establishment of hospitals in the cities of the state," approved February twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, be so amended as to read as follows:

Annual election of directors to be held.

[That within one year after the creation of said board, and annually thereafter, on such day as the board may by rule prescribe, an election shall be held, by ballot, by the said board, of four persons to serve as directors in place of the class whose term of service shall expire that year, and the persons so elected shall hold their office for three years; and in case of the death, resignation or removal of any director, the vacancy occasioned thereby may be filled by a majority of the board of directors for the unexpired term of the person so dying, resigning or removing.]

Term of office.

Vacancy, how filled.

Supplement.

P. L. 1885, p. 325.

Approved May 2, 1885.

31. SEC. 1. That section seven of the said act to which this is a supplement be so amended as to read as follows, that is to say:

Amount to be annually raised for support of hospital.

[That there shall be raised in each annual tax levy of any city wherein said hospital is established, such amount as may be needed for the support and maintenance of said hospital, which shall be used only for the support and maintenance of such hospital.]

Repealer.

32. SEC. 2. That all parts of said original act and any supplement thereto inconsistent herewith shall be repealed, and this act shall take effect immediately.

Supplement.

P. L. 1893, p. 32.

Passed February 27, 1893.

Management and control of hospitals vested in the board of health.

33. SEC. 1. That from and after the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the management and control of all hospitals established under the authority of the act to which this is a supplement,

and all thereafter established, shall pass to and be vested in the board of health of the city or cities wherein any such hospital has been or may be established, and the term or terms of the present board of control or direction shall thereafter cease and determine.

34. SEC. 2. That all the power and authority given by the said act, or any act supplementary thereto, to such board of control or direction, shall thereafter pass to and be vested in such board of health, and such board of health shall be charged with all the duties by the said act or acts imposed upon such board of control or direction.

Power and authority of board of control to pass to, and be vested in, board of health.

35. SEC. 3. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect immediately.

Repealer.

An act to enable cities which have no city hospital to assist in maintaining hospitals located in such city.

Approved March 22, 1886.

P. L. 1886, p. 97.

36. SEC. 1. That it shall and may be lawful for any city in this state which has no hospital located therein maintained by such city, to make an appropriation of a sum of money, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars each year, in the same manner that appropriations for other municipal purposes are made, which sum so appropriated shall be included in the annual tax levy of such city, and collected in the same manner and at the same time as other city taxes, and shall be applied to the purpose of supporting and maintaining such indigent patients as may be sent by order of any city physician, overseer of the poor, or other proper authority of such city to any hospital or hospitals supported by private charity and located in such city; the moneys so raised shall be kept as a separate fund, known as the hospital fund, and shall not be used for any other purpose whatever; and such city shall have power, by ordinance, to regulate the mode of sending such patients to such hospital or hospitals, and also the mode and terms of paying for the care and maintenance of such patients so sent to such hospital or hospitals.

City having no hospital may make appropriation to hospital supported by private charity.

37. SEC. 2. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith be and they are hereby repealed.

Repealer.

An act respecting hospitals and to provide for their aid in certain cases.

Approved April 21, 1887.

P. L. 1887, p. 174.

38. SEC. 1. That where the annual appropriation now made or hereafter to be made for supporting and maintaining the public hospitals in cities has already been expended, or shall hereafter become expended before the end of the fiscal year for which said appropriation is made, or where such annual appropriation is or may become insufficient and inadequate for properly supporting and maintaining such public hospitals, it shall be lawful for the board of finance and taxation or any other municipal board or authority having the control and management of the finances of any such city to increase said annual appropriation at any time during the fiscal year for which the same was made, in such an amount as said board may deem reasonably necessary for said purpose; *provided*, that such additional appropriation shall not in any one year exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

Annual appropriation for maintaining public hospitals, how increased.

Proviso.

39. SEC. 2. That the said board of finance and taxation or other board having the control and management of the finances of such city is hereby authorized to borrow the amount of money which the said board may by this act appropriate as aforesaid, in anticipation of taxes next thereafter to be levied, and to issue proper evidences of indebtedness therefor, to be signed by the mayor, properly sealed with the corporate seal and attested by the clerk; and the said board borrowing such money shall provide for the repayment of the same by putting said amount in the tax levy to be made then next thereafter.

Cities authorized to borrow amount of money appropriated in anticipation of taxes and issue evidences of indebtedness therefor.

An act to authorize townships and other municipal bodies in counties of the third class in this state to vote moneys for the support of public patients in hospitals situated in said counties.

P. L. 1894, p. 376.

Townships, &c., in counties of the third class may vote moneys for the support of patients in hospitals.

Approved May 16, 1894.

40. SEC. 1. That the voters of any township, borough or other municipal division in any county of the third class in this state be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at the annual township, borough or other municipal election, or at any election duly held for that purpose, by a majority of all the votes cast at such election, to vote, grant and raise such sum or sums of money as they may determine for the purpose of maintaining or aiding in the maintenance of public patients in any hospital duly incorporated under the laws of this state, and situated in such county, which moneys so voted and granted shall be assessed, levied or collected as other moneys in said township, borough or other municipality are assessed, levied or collected, and shall be paid over to such hospital from time to time as directed by the governing body of such township, borough or other municipality.

An act concerning city hospitals, and providing for their enlargement, reconstruction and repair.

P. L. 1894, p. 407.

Governing body of city may repair, reconstruct or improve hospitals, &c.

Approved May 17, 1894.

41. SEC. 1. That whenever, in the judgment of the municipal board or body having charge of any hospital established in any city of this state, under an act of the legislature of this state entitled "An act authorizing the establishment of hospitals in the cities of this state," approved February twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and the various supplements thereto, the buildings and property devoted to the use of such hospital shall be deemed to be unsanitary, improper or inadequate, and such facts shall be certified to the common council or other governing body of such city by the secretary or clerk of such board or body, pursuant to a resolution duly passed by such board, it shall be lawful for the common council or other governing body of such city to repair, reconstruct or otherwise improve such hospital or hospitals and cause the same to be put in thorough sanitary condition and in proper order and repair, and to make such improvements therein and such additions thereto as may be necessary to provide proper accommodation for hospital purposes in such city; *provided, however,* that it shall not be mandatory upon such common council or other governing body to make such improvement, reconstruction and repair unless, in the judgment of such governing body, the work required is necessary, and the finances of the city will permit the same to be done.

Proviso.

42. SEC. 2. That any such city by and through their common council or other governing body, may from time to time, or at once, as may be deemed most advantageous, upon the credit of such city, borrow the money necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, and may issue the bonds of such city in any sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars, and may negotiate and sell the same at any sum not less than par, and use the proceeds for the purposes of making the reconstruction, repair and improvement of hospitals, as in this act provided; all such bonds shall be made payable in not less than twenty nor more than thirty years, and may be registered or coupon bonds, or may be registered and coupon bonds combined; such bonds shall draw interest at a rate not greater than four per centum per annum, which shall be payable semi-annually, and shall otherwise be of such form and payable at such time and place as the common council or other governing body may by ordinance provide.

City may borrow money to pay for same.

May issue bonds.

Character of bonds.

Shall provide sinking fund.

43. SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the common council or other governing body of such city, in case any bonds are issued under the provisions of this act, to provide a sinking fund of not less than two per centum on the principal of the said bonds, which shall be paid to the commissioners of the sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds

annually, and such amount, together with the amount required for the interest due thereon, shall be annually raised in the tax levy of such city to provide for the payment of interest and the principal of the said bonds, when they shall fall due.

44. SEC. 4. That when, in the judgment of the common council or other governing body, the improvements authorized by this act shall be ordered, it shall be lawful for the common council to provide the money necessary to complete the said work within the limits herein provided by the issue of temporary loan certificates, or bonds, all of which, however, when the work shall be completed, shall be paid and retired, and the permanent bonds authorized by this act shall be issued.

May issue temporary loan certificates.

An act to authorize cities of the second class to erect and make additions to hospitals for contagious diseases, and to provide for the maintenance thereof.

Approved March 5, 1895.

P. L. 1895, p. 164.

45. SEC. 1. That the common council or other legislative body of any city of the second class, whenever it is by it deemed necessary, may purchase land in said city and erect a building or buildings thereon to be used for a hospital for contagious diseases; the plan or plans for such building or buildings and specifications thereof shall, before the same are adopted, or the building or buildings erected, be approved by the mayor, the common council or other legislative body, and the board of health of such city; and for the purpose of obtaining means for erecting said building or buildings and for purchasing the necessary land, the said common council or other legislative body may issue and sell bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, and the principal to be paid within ten years and the proceeds applied for the purposes aforesaid.

Cities of the second class may purchase land and erect a hospital for contagious diseases thereon.

46. SEC. 2. That after the said building or buildings shall be completed, the same shall be in charge of and under the direction of the local board of health of said city, and for the purposes of conducting the same the board of health of said city shall annually certify to the common council or legislative body having power to pass the annual tax ordinance of such city the sum considered necessary to maintain the said hospital for the ensuing year, and the said common council or other board shall incorporate in the annual tax ordinance the above amount or what part of it may to them seem best, and the treasurer of said city shall pay such amount to the local board of health, to be by it used for the payment of the current expenses of maintaining and conducting such hospital and the care and maintenance of the patients confined therein; and the said common council or other legislative body may, whenever considered necessary by the local board of health, pay over to such board such additional sum or sums as shall be required to pay the current expenses of such hospital, such additional sum or sums to be borrowed and inserted in the next tax ordinance.

Board of health shall conduct hospital.

And certify to governing body sum necessary to maintain it.

An act to authorize incorporated towns in this state governed by boards of commissioners, either separately or jointly, either with other boards of commissioners of incorporated towns or with townships in this state, to acquire and own lands for hospital purposes and to erect and maintain thereon hospitals and to pay for the same, and to convey such lands or any portion thereof when not needed for hospital purposes.

Approved March 22, 1895.

P. L. 1895, p. 590.

47. SEC. 1. That whenever the board of commissioners of any incorporated town in this state shall deem it advisable to provide a hospital for persons having contagious diseases, and for other hospital purposes, it shall be lawful for any such board of commissioners of such incorporated town to acquire and own lands in the corporate name of such incorporated town,

Commissioners of towns, &c., may purchase lands and erect hospital buildings.

And provide for payment of cost thereof.

When located in another municipality consent of governing body thereof shall be obtained.

Two or more towns either with each other or one or more towns with a township may unite to build a hospital.

How control of hospital shall be exercised.

whether such lands are situate in said incorporated town or out of it, for hospital purposes, and to erect and maintain thereon a hospital and to pay for the same from any money or funds of such incorporated town not otherwise appropriated, or to obtain temporary loans for the purpose and provide for payment of such loans in the succeeding tax levy by taxes to be assessed and collected in the same manner as other taxes are assessed and collected for such incorporated town, and to convey such land as is acquired, or any portion thereof, when not needed for hospital purposes; but when such lands are situate out of the limits of any such incorporated towns as acquire title to the lands, then before using such lands for hospital purposes for persons having contagious diseases, there should be obtained the consent of the township committee or other governing body of the township or other municipality within the limit of which such lands lie and such hospital is erected, that the same may be used for the purpose aforesaid; but the total expenditure for lands and buildings for hospital purposes shall not exceed one-tenth of one per centum of the total sum of assessment for one year, for the purpose of taxation in such incorporated town, as shown by the duplicate, or other records of assessments for the previous year.

48. SEC. 2. That it shall be lawful for the board of commissioners of any two or more incorporated towns, either with each other or the boards of commissioners of one or more incorporated towns with one or more townships, to jointly exercise all the power and authority given to separate boards of commissioners of incorporated towns in the first section of this act, and such boards of commissioners of incorporated towns are hereby authorized to make all necessary agreements for the purpose of so doing, and for doing all that any board of commissioners of any incorporated town is authorized to do separately by said first section of said act, including the power and authority to acquire and convey as aforesaid land inside or outside of the limits of any incorporated town.

49. SEC. 3. That any hospital or hospitals which may be provided under the provisions of this act, shall be in charge and under the control of the board of commissioners of the incorporated town which acquires land and provides hospital buildings as aforesaid, but when the boards of commissioners of two or more incorporated towns, or the boards of commissioners of one or more incorporated towns, with one or more townships, jointly provide a hospital as any board of commissioners of any incorporated town or incorporated towns are authorized to do in section two of this act, then such hospital shall be in charge and under control of the boards of commissioners of the two or more incorporated towns or the boards of commissioners of one or more incorporated towns, exercised jointly with the township committees of such township or townships as the case may be.

An act to authorize townships of this state, either separately or jointly, either with other townships or any municipal corporation, except cities, to acquire and own lands for hospital purposes and to erect and maintain thereon hospitals and to pay for the same, and to convey such lands or any portion thereof when not needed for hospital purposes.

P. L. 1895, p. 704.

Townships may acquire lands and erect hospitals.

Approved March 26, 1895.

May make temporary loans and provide for payment thereof.

50. SEC. 1. That whenever the township committee of any township of this state shall deem it advisable to provide a hospital for persons having contagious diseases, and for other hospital purposes, it shall be lawful for any such township committee to acquire and own lands in the corporate name of such township, whether such lands are situate in said township or out of it, for hospital purposes, and to erect and maintain thereon a hospital, and to pay for the same from any money or funds of such township not otherwise appropriated, or which may be available for the purpose, or to obtain temporary loans for the purpose and to provide for payment of such loans in the succeeding tax levy by taxes to be assessed and collected in the same manner as other taxes are assessed and collected for

such township, and to convey such lands so acquired, or any portion thereof, when not needed for hospital purposes; but when such lands are situate out of the limits of any such township as acquires title to the lands, then before using such lands for hospital purposes for persons having contagious diseases, there shall be obtained the consent of either the board of health or township committee of the township within the limits of which such lands lie and such hospital is erected, that the same may be used for the purposes aforesaid; but the total expenditure for land and buildings for hospital purposes shall not exceed one-tenth of one per centum of the total sum of assessments for one year for the purpose of taxation in such township, as shown by the duplicate or other records of assessments for the previous year.

When consent of another township shall be had.

Total expenditure limited.

51. Sec. 2. That it shall be lawful for any two or more townships either with each other, or one or more townships with one or more other municipal corporations, excepting cities, to jointly exercise all the power and authority given to separate townships in the first section of this act, and such townships are hereby authorized to make all necessary agreements for the purpose of so doing, and for doing all that any township is authorized to do separately by said first section of this act, including the power and authority to acquire and convey, as aforesaid, land inside or outside of the limits of any township.

Two or more townships, or one or more townships with one or more municipal corporations, except cities, may unite to erect hospitals.

52. Sec. 3. That any hospital or hospitals which may be provided under the provisions of this act, shall be in charge and under the control of the township committee of the township which acquires land and provides hospital buildings, as aforesaid; but when two or more townships, or one or more townships with one or more other municipal corporations, jointly provide a hospital, as any township or townships are authorized to do in section two of this act, then such hospital shall be in charge and under control of the township committees of the two or more townships, or of the township committees of one or more townships exercised jointly with the municipal authorities of such municipal corporation or municipal corporations, as the case may be.

How control of hospitals shall be exercised.

Ice Dealers.

1. From what waters persons having ice-houses may gather ice.
2. When ice dealers shall not be interfered with.
3. To whom act shall not extend.
4. Penalty for polluting ice or destroying machines for gathering the same.

An act to protect the property of ice dealers.

Approved February 28, 1871.

P. L. 1871, p. 21.

1. That it shall be lawful for all persons having ice-houses upon the waters of this state to gather the ice in front of their lands, to the middle of the several streams, ponds and lakes upon which they are located.

From what waters persons having ice-houses may gather ice.

2. That during the time the several ice dealers are gathering their ice crops, it shall not be lawful for any person to interfere with the same except for the purposes of navigation.

When ice dealers shall not be interfered with.

3. That the provisions of this act shall not extend to the owners of mill-ponds, nor shall it extend to parties having the mere right of way upon the shores of the several water-courses of this state.

To whom this act shall not extend.

Supplement.

Approved March 14, 1882.

P. L. 1882, p. 92.

4. Sec. 1. That if any person or persons shall maliciously or willfully pollute, corrupt or render impure the ice in front of the lands of persons having ice-houses, as described in the first section of the act to which this is a supplement, or shall willfully or maliciously destroy any engine, machine, tools or other property used for the gathering and storing such

Penalty for polluting ice or destroying machines for the gathering the same.