

CHAP. 386. now applicable to the property of lunatics shall apply to cases of persons declared to be habitual drunkards, under the provisions of this act except when otherwise directed by this act, and all persons who may be alleged to be habitual drunkards may dispense with the legal proceedings to establish the same, and may with the approbation of the court when said petition may be filed, appoint his or her own committee and may voluntarily enter said asylum for a limited time, and the board of trustees of said asylum may retain such persons the length of time he or she may have agreed therein to remain, and if the person against whom the petition may be filed shall be found by the jury to be a habitual drunkard, incapable of taking care of himself or herself, it shall be the duty of the court to appoint a committee of such person, and such committee shall with the written assent and approbation of the court have the power of confining such person in the said asylum for such length of time as the court may in writing approve, but said committee with the written assent and approbation of the court may at any time release from confinement said habitual drunkard, and the period of confinement of said habitual drunkard may by the said committee, with the written assent and approbation of the court, be from time to time extended for such periods as may be necessary for his or her complete reformation.

Annual report. SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the board of trustee of said asylum shall make an annual report to the Governor of the State on the third Wednesday of January in each year, in detail, of their proceedings, income, expenditures, the number of patients, admitted, discharged; and remaining in said asylum, verified by the affidavit of the president, and treasurer, which report shall be filed in the office of the secretary of State.

In force. SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.