

or friends, or if requested by the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which the alleged lunatic or insane person reside, or by the Supervisors of the City Charities of the Department of Charities and Corrections of the city of Baltimore, if said person resides therein, the Circuit Court for the county in which such person may reside, or the Criminal Court of Baltimore, (if such person resides in the city of Baltimore) shall cause a jury of twelve good and lawful men to be empanelled forthwith, and shall charge the said jury to inquire whether such person is insane or lunatic and if found so, it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners or the Supervisors of City Charities of the Department of Charities and Corrections of Baltimore city to cause such person to be sent to the Almshouse of the county or city to which he belongs, or to an hospital, or to some other place better suited to his condition, there to be confined at the expense of the county or city until he shall have recovered and be discharged in due course of law. It shall be the duty of any Board of County Commissioners and the Supervisors of the City Charities of the Department of Charities and Corrections of the city of Baltimore, before whom any such alleged lunatic or insane person is brought for commitment, under this section, if not satisfied that such person is lunatic or insane as defined in section 3 of this Article, to notify the State's Attorney of said county or city, and he shall immediately thereupon bring the said question before the Circuit Court of the said county, or the Criminal Court of Baltimore city, for the determination in accordance with the provisions of this section. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the friends or relatives of such lunatic or insane person from confining him or providing for his comfort.

3. No person shall be deemed entitled to the benefit of the preceding sections who shall possess or be entitled to receive sufficient income for his maintenance and support as a patient in any home, retreat, or hospital for the insane in this State, or who has relatives or others legally chargeable for the support of the said person who are able to pay for the maintenance and support of the said person as a patient at any home, retreat or hospital for the insane in this State. The County Commissioners