

said directors shall have power to institute any suit or suits for any sums of money due the institution, for any injury done to the property or effects of the institution, or for the breach of any contract made with the said directors in their official capacity, or on the official bonds of any officer who shall commit a breach thereof, and to prosecute said suits to judgment and execution.

1904, art. 27, sec. 560. 1888, art. 27, sec. 401. 1860, art. 73, sec. 13.  
1845, ch. 101, sec. 4.

**636.** All deeds for the sale of real or leasehold estate held by the institution shall be signed by the president of the board, or any three of the directors appointed for the purpose, at a meeting of the board.

Ibid. sec. 561. 1888, art. 27, sec. 402. 1860, art. 73, sec. 14.  
1837, ch. 320, sec. 9.

**637.** The directors, warden, and all other officers of the said penitentiary shall perform and discharge the duties that may be assigned to them respectively by this sub-title of this article, or by the rules and regulations of the board of directors, not inconsistent with the provisions of law or the rules and regulations hereinafter established; and if any of them wilfully omits or refuses to discharge any duty appertaining to his office, after having accepted the said appointment, he shall be dismissed from office, and be subject to a fine of not less than thirty nor more than five hundred dollars, to be recovered at the instance of the said directors, in the name of the State, for the use of the said penitentiary, before any justice of the peace or court having jurisdiction, as debts are collected.

Ibid. sec. 562. 1888, art. 27, sec. 403. 1860, art. 73, sec. 15. 1837, ch. 320,  
sec. 12. 1845, ch. 83, sec. 2.

**638.** No person having any official connection with the said institution shall be directly or indirectly concerned or interested in any contract, purchase or sale of anything for, by or on account of the said prison, nor shall he sell to or purchase from the said prison, or its authorities, any article whatever; and any person so offending shall be immediately dismissed from his employment, and on conviction be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars, to be recovered as other fines are; and the said directors and other officers are hereby required to make report to the board of directors of all such offenses coming to their knowledge, and a failure or neglect shall be considered as a breach of duty, and punishable under the preceding section; but the directors may authorize the payment, in whole or in part, of the salaries and dues of the several officers and others officially connected with the institution, in the goods, work or manufactures of the penitentiary.

Ibid. sec. 563. 1888, art. 27, sec. 404. 1860, art. 73, sec. 16. 1832, ch. 209.  
1837, ch. 320, sec. 24. 1868, ch. 97.

**639.** The directors shall have the control and management of the financial affairs of the institution, and no bill against the same shall be