

**Lunatic or Insane Paupers.**

1900, ch. 603.

1. When any person is alleged to be a lunatic or insane, and without sufficient means to pay for his or her maintenance at an asylum, and who has no relative or relatives, or others legally chargeable with his or her support, the county commissioners of the county in which such person may reside, or the supervisors of city charities of the department of charities and corrections of the city of Baltimore (if such person resides in the city of Baltimore), shall, upon the written certificates of two qualified physicians, made in accordance with the provisions of section 31, cause such person to be sent to the almshouse of the county or city to which he or she belongs, or to an hospital or some other place better suited to his or her condition, there to be confined at the expense of the county or city until he or she shall have recovered and be discharged in due course of law; but if demanded by the alleged lunatic or insane person, or any of his or her relatives or friends, or if requested by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the alleged lunatic or insane person resides, 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 empaneled 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 or she belongs, or to an hospital, or to some other place better suited to his or her condition, there to be confined at the expense of the county or city, until he or she shall have recovered and be discharged in due course of law. It shall be the duty of any board of county commissioners or 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