

to exceed one hundred dollars; but such court shall not be compelled to send such habitual drunkard to any institution making a lower bid than the sum herein specified, unless in their judgment the best interest of such drunkard shall be promoted thereby; and the said judge of the circuit court shall thereupon make an order that the expense of such treatment be paid out of the treasury of the county or the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, in the same manner that other claims against such county or city of Baltimore for the administration of justice are paid; provided, that no county or the city of Baltimore shall be required to send the same habitual drunkard to any institution for the medical treatment of drunkenness a second time at its expense.

1894, ch 247, sec 3.

50. The provisions of sections 48, 49, 51, 52 shall not be at any time construed as in any way abrogating, limiting or abolishing the powers of judges of the circuit courts under section 47.

Ibid. sec. 4.

51. The officers of whatever institutions may be designated for the treatment of the habitual drunkards, payment for whose cure is provided by section 49, shall become sworn officers of the court committing said habitual drunkards to their care, and shall have power to enforce such reasonable rules as may be necessary for the administration of treatment to said patient, but they shall receive no fee or compensation from any county or the city of Baltimore other than the sum provided and limited by said section 49.

Ibid sec. 5.

52. A drunkard as mentioned in the four preceding sections shall be deemed to include any person who has acquired the habit of using spirituous, malt or fermented liquors, cocaine or other narcotics to such a degree as to deprive him of reasonable self-control.

Infants.

1868, art. 16, sec. 48. 1860, art. 16, sec. 36. 1816, ch. 154, sec. 1. 1818, ch 193, sec. 7. 1819, ch. 144, sec. 2. 1835, ch. 380, sec. 9.

53. Where an infant is entitled to any real or personal property in this State, of any kind, or entitled to a reversion, vested or contingent remainder, or an executory devise in any such property, or any use, trust or equitable interest therein,