

(1951 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Inebriates", and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1 of Article 59 of said Code, title "Lunatics and Insane", sub-title "Lunatic or Insane Paupers", making the provisions of said sections as to the empanelling of a jury for alleged habitual drunkards and for alleged lunatics and insane persons conform to the provisions of Section 134 of Article 16 of said Code, which section abolished the use of the so-called Sheriff's Jury in certain cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 52 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Inebriates", and Section 1 of Article 59 of said Code, title "Lunatics and Insane", sub-title "Lunatic or Insane Paupers", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

52. Whenever, by petition, under oath, any person shall be alleged to be an habitual drunkard, incapable of taking care of himself or his property, any circuit court of this State and also either of the circuit courts of Baltimore City shall have the power, in its discretion, on such preliminary examinations or inquiry, as it may think proper to make ex parte, to issue a warrant to the sheriff of the county or city, respectively, to arrest and bring the party so charged before such court; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff to obey such warrant; and such court shall cause a jury [of good and lawful men, to be summoned by the said sheriff,] to be empannelled forthwith, *as specified in Section 134 of this Article*, and shall charge said jury, under oath, to inquire, in the presence of such person, whether he is an habitual drunkard, incapable of taking care of himself; and the proceedings in such case shall be like those now authorized by law in cases of persons alleged to be lunatics or insane; and the rules of law and proceedings now applicable to the property of lunatics shall apply to cases of persons declared to be habitual drunkards under the provisions of this section, except when herein otherwise directed; and any person who may be alleged to be an habitual drunkard may dispense with the legal proceedings to establish the same, and may, with the approbation of the court wherein said petition may be filed, appoint his own committee, and may voluntarily enter any institution selected by the court, for a limited time; and the board of trustees or managers of such institution may retain such person the length of time he 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 an