

mine such action or proceeding any justice of the peace or circuit court commissioner in the county of Door. The said justice or circuit court commissioner shall be paid for services performed in said civil and criminal actions by the county of Door at the rate of \$15 per day, such per diem to be paid to the acting judge upon order of the duly elected judge upon the county treasurer for Door County.

SECTION 43. This act shall take effect 90 days after passage and publication.

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### CHAPTER 238.

AN ACT to amend 45.30 of the statutes, relating to the commitment of insane veterans.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

45.30 of the statutes is amended to read:

45.30 (1) Whenever it appears that any veteran is eligible for treatment in a United States veterans' facility and commitment is necessary for the proper care and treatment of such veteran, the court of the county in which the veteran is found, may, upon receipt of a certificate of eligibility from the veterans' administration, after adjudging the veteran insane in accordance with law, direct such veteran's commitment to the veterans' administration for hospitalization in a United States veterans' facility. Upon admission to any such facility, the veteran shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the veterans' administration. The chief officer of such facility is vested with the same powers exercised by superintendents of state hospitals for mental diseases within this state with reference to the retention, transfer or parole of the veteran committed. Notice of pending commitment proceedings shall be furnished the person to be committed and his right to appear and defend shall not be denied. The commitment of a veteran to a veterans' facility within this state by a court of another state under a similar provision of law has the same force and effect as if such commitment were made by a court of this state. *After a veteran has been legally committed*

*to any hospital or asylum for the insane in this state the superintendent of such hospital or asylum in any county having a population of 500,000 or more or the state department of public welfare when the commitment has been made to any other such hospital or asylum upon receipt of a certificate of eligibility from the veterans' administration evidencing the right of such veteran to be admitted to a veterans' facility may transfer such veteran to such facility and the cost of the veteran's transportation, together with that of any necessary attendant, shall be a proper charge against such veteran's care in such institution. After such transfer the powers granted by this section to the superintendent of such veterans' facility shall be applicable. Any veteran transferred as provided in this subsection shall be deemed committed to the veterans' administration pursuant to the original commitment.*

*(2) Before adjudging a veteran insane in accordance with law, the court, upon the receipt of a certificate of eligibility from the veterans' administration, may commit such veteran to a veterans' administration facility to be detained for a reasonable length of time, to be fixed by the court, for the purpose of observation. Whenever an application to determine insanity is made in the manner prescribed by section 51.01, the court shall make such inquiry as may be necessary and proper to ascertain whether the alleged insane person is eligible for treatment in a veterans' administration facility, and shall notify either the Veterans' Recognition Board or the Soldiers' Rehabilitation Board, depending upon whether the veteran is a veteran of World War I or World War II, of the pendency of such action and of the commitment.*

Approved June 2, 1945.