

AN ACT RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY AID OF STATE PAUPERS BY *Chap.* 183
CITIES OR TOWNS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any city or town through its authorities, having charge of the execution of the laws for the maintenance of the poor, may, if said authorities deem that the same is for the public interest, furnish temporary aid to poor persons found within its limits, having no settlement within the Commonwealth, and the expense thereby incurred, after notice has been sent as hereinafter provided, shall be repaid from the treasury of the Commonwealth to such city or town: *provided*, that said authorities shall give immediate notice by mail in each case to the general agent of state charities, who in person or by one of his assistants shall examine the case and direct the continuance of such aid, or removal to the state almshouse or to some place outside the Commonwealth, either before or after removal to the state almshouse, in accordance with existing laws; and *provided, also*, that except in cases of sick state poor, such aid shall not be furnished at any one time for a longer period than four weeks or to a greater amount than one dollar per week for each person, or five dollars per week for each family, and *provided, also*, that all claims of cities and towns against the Commonwealth, for furnishing aid under the provisions of this act, shall be rendered in detail and shall be approved by the general agent of state charities before the same shall be paid.

Temporary aid for state paupers; expense to be repaid by state.

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SECTION 2. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to alter or repeal any of the provisions of law in regard to the sick state poor, or persons ill with contagious diseases.

Not to repeal laws concerning sick state poor, etc.

Approved May 4, 1877.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF COUNSEL AND THE ATTENDANCE OF CERTAIN WITNESSES IN CRIMINAL TRIALS OF INMATES OF REFORM SCHOOLS.

Chap. 184

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Inmates of any of the reform schools now existing, or which may hereafter be established in this Commonwealth, who are sent for trial to the criminal courts for offences alleged to have been committed in such institutions, may have counsel for their defence assigned by any judge of the court wherein they are to be tried; and any judge of said court shall, upon application, order the superintendent or other officer in charge of the institution wherein such offence is alleged to have been committed, to produce at

Counsel may be assigned for inmates of reform schools on trial for criminal offences, etc.

Inmates may be summoned as witnesses.