

260. In all criminal prosecutions for slander, the truth may be given in evidence to the jury, and if it appears to the jury that the matter charged as slanderous is true, and was uttered with good motives and for justifiable ends, the party shall be acquitted.

Truth of statement.

CHAPTER 683.

An act to provide for the establishment of a state hospital for the insane, providing for commitments thereto and the management thereof, and making an appropriation therefor.

CSH resulted from this

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A state hospital shall be established in southern California for the care of the insane.

Establishment of hospital. Commission.

SEC. 2. A commission composed of the director of institutions, who shall be chairman of the commission; the director of finance; the director of public works; and two other persons, one of whom shall be a woman, to be appointed by the governor, is hereby created and is hereby authorized to select and purchase a suitable site for a hospital for insane persons.

Admission.

SEC. 3. Upon the completion of such state hospital, insane persons may be committed or admitted thereto in the manner provided by law for the commitment of insane persons, and for the admission of insane persons, under special agreements, to state hospitals for the insane.

Management.

SEC. 4. Upon the purchase of a site as herein provided for such institution, the commission herein created shall cease to exist and the control and management of said institution as a hospital for the insane shall be continued as and in the manner provided by law for the control, management and operation of state hospitals for the care of the insane.

Title to property.

SEC. 5. The title to land and water rights thereunto appertaining acquired in pursuance of this act shall be approved by the attorney general and shall be taken in the name of the State of California. The deeds therefor shall be filed with the secretary of state.

Appropriation.

SEC. 6. Out of moneys in the state treasury there is hereby appropriated the sum of one million dollars, of which sum the sum of six hundred eighty thousand dollars is appropriated from the appropriation "For major construction and equipment at Norwalk State Hospital including six ward buildings, two physicians' cottages and employees' quarters, six hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$690,000)"; the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars from the appropriation "For purchase and survey of land at Norwalk State Hospital, one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)" made by chapter thirty-nine of the statutes of 1929, and the balance thereof, the sum