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**CHAP. 571. AN ACT further to define the powers and duties of the board of State commissioners of public charities, and to change the name of the board to The State Board of Charities.** Passed May 21, 1873.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

**Section 8.** The said board shall have power, by a resolution to be entered on its minutes, subject to such terms and regulations as it may prescribe, to designate three or more suitable persons in any county to act as visitors, in said county, of the several poor-houses and other institutions therein, subject to the visitation of the board, in aid of and as representatives of said board, except such institutions as have a board of managers appointed by the State; and all officers and others in charge of such institutions shall admit to said institutions all such persons so designated, upon a production of a copy of such resolution, certified by the president or secretary of said board, to visit, examine and inspect the grounds and buildings of every institution, and every part thereof, and all its hospitals and other arrangements, and to have free access to all its inmates. Any officer, superintendent or person in charge of any such institution, who shall refuse to admit any person so designated, or shall refuse to give said visitors all requisite facilities for the examination and inspection as herein provided for, shall be subject to a penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars for each such refusal, which penalty may be sued for and recovered in the name of the people of the State, by the attorney-general, and the sum so recovered shall be paid into the treasury of this State.

Under this act the State Board has appointed Visiting Committees, in several counties. It will be noticed that a number of our corresponding societies have reorganized to meet this new arrangement. (56)

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