

from said county for such patient or patients. The superintendents of each state hospital shall certify to the state comptroller on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year the amount not previously certified to by him that is due the said hospital for the insane from the several counties having patients chargeable thereto, and said comptroller shall pass the same to the credit of the several state hospitals for the insane. The state comptroller shall thereupon notify the county treasurer of each county so owing of the amount thereof and charge the same to said county, and the board of county commissioners of said county shall levy a tax in said county for said amount and pay the amount due the State into the state treasury; and, should any county fail to levy a tax in said county for said amount when due said State and shall fail at the time of levying other county taxes, thereafter to levy the tax aforesaid to amount sufficient to pay the indebtedness subsequently incurred, it shall be the duty of the attorney-general to bring in the name of the State an action against any county in the circuit court for such county so failing aforesaid to enforce the levying of said tax for the recovery of the amount due the State, as aforesaid. Upon the failure of any county to levy such tax as aforesaid to an amount sufficient to pay the amount then due the State, it shall be the duty of the state comptroller to charge such delinquent county with a penalty of interest at one *per centum* per month upon the amount of indebtedness for each month until payment thereof and penalty thereon be paid. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer, upon the collection of the taxes herein required to be levied, to pay into the state treasury the amount due and owing from his county at the time and in the manner required for the payment of State taxes collected, and the state comptroller and the state treasurer shall upon the first day of July and January in each year transfer the full amount received from counties under the provisions of this article to the account of the state hospitals for the insane. Taxes levied and collected in any county for the purpose named in this article shall be used only to defray the expenses of the insane, and shall not be diverted to any other purpose, nor be transferred to any other fund by the State or county authorities. Whenever the superintendent of any state hospital for the insane has held and treated a patient as from one county or the county commissioners of such county makes claim that such patient is not a proper charge against the said county and such county commissioners shall notify the state comptroller that it is claimed by them that such patient is not a proper charge against their county, and shall claim that the said patient is a proper charge against some other county, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each of said counties to file such proofs as they may have with the state comptroller within thirty days from the time of such notification, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the state comptroller to investigate the question of the residence of such patient and to determine of what county said patient is a proper charge, and shall thereupon notify each of said counties of such determination,