

the balance, if any, shall be placed to his credit and paid over to him when he leaves the institution.

Control by
Provincial
Secretary of
money
for main-
tenance.

"4079e. The Provincial Secretary is authorized to retain the amount due for the cost of maintenance of any child kept or maintained in any such institution until the person liable under the above provisions has complied therewith, or until judgment is rendered by a competent court in case of a contestation of the account rendered.

Existing
contracts.

2. This act shall not affect any presently existing contract.

Coming
into force.

3. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

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An Act to amend article 4140 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting the recovery of the cost of maintenance of the insane

[Assented to, 14th of February, 1920]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

R. S., 4140,
par. 2,
replaced.
Documents
that make
proof in
suits.

1. Article 4140 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended by replacing paragraph 2 thereof by the following:

"2. In all suits or proceedings instituted for the recovery of the amount due for the support of one or more insane persons in an asylum, a copy, certified by the Provincial Secretary or his Assistant, of the letter or letters from the said Secretary's Department ordering or ratifying the confinement, and an account, likewise certified by the Provincial Secretary or his Assistant, for the amount owing by the municipality for each insane person, setting forth the name of each one, the date and duration of his confinement, as well as mention of the place from which he was sent to the asylum, or, as the case may be, of the municipality where the patient has had his domicile within the meaning of the second paragraph of article 4137, shall be *prima facie* evidence sufficient to obtain judgment for the amount demanded, without other proof."

Coming
into force.

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

