

**Chapter 43.**

[*Published April 26.*]

An Act to change the names of Cordelia Ann Kirby and Mary Elizabeth Kirby to Cordelia Ann Birchard and Mary Elizabeth Birchard, and to authorize their adoption as the children and lawful heirs of Harvey Birchard.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Harvey Birchard, of the city of Milwaukee, is hereby authorized to adopt Cordelia Ann Kirby and Mary Elizabeth Kirby, infant children of Caroline Kirby, late of said city, deceased, as his children and lawful heirs, by the names of Cordelia Ann Birchard and Mary Elizabeth Birchard, upon the execution and performance by said Birchard of the requirements in the third section of this act contained.

SEC. 2. The names of the said Cordelia Ann Kirby and Mary Elizabeth Kirby are hereby respectively changed to Cordelia Ann Birchard and Mary Elizabeth Birchard, and by the names last aforesaid, they may and shall hereafter be called and known in all cases and proceedings whatsoever.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the first section of this act, and to signify his ratification and approval thereof, the said Harvey Birchard is hereby authorized and required to execute, under his hand and seal, attested by two witnesses, and acknowledged before judge of probate of Milwaukee county, a written declaration of his approval of the provisions of this act, and annex the same to a copy thereof, and file the same in the office of the judge of probate of Milwaukee county, within sixty days from and after the passage of this act; and the said judge of probate shall record the same in the records of wills and testaments: and from and after such recording as aforesaid, the said Cordelia Ann and Mary Elizabeth shall be taken and deemed to be lawful children and heirs of the said Harvey Birchard, and as such, in case of his death intestate, shall be as much entitled, and legally capable of taking and holding, by inheritance or descent, from the said Birchard, as though they had been born in lawful wedlock between him and their mother, the said Caroline Kirby, deceased.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect in respect to the second section thereof from and after the approval thereof by the

governor, and in respect to the first and third sections thereof from and after the recording of the declaration specified in said third section.

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## Chapter 44.

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An Act to appropriate certain sums of money to the Wisconsin Institute for the Blind.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :*

**Appropriation.** SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Wisconsin Institute for the Blind, the sum of four thousand dollars, for the support of said Institute from the first day of October next to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven; and whereas the fiscal year for said institute has heretofore comenced on the first day of October, and the appropriations heretofore made for its support extend to the first day of October next, the fiscal year of said Institute shall hereafter commence on the first day of January.

**When fiscal year shall commence.**

**When to be paid.**

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated to said institution the further sum of five thousand dollars, to aid in the completion of the main building and the east wing for said institution, according to the plan of the same. This last named sum of five thousand dollars shall be paid out of the tax assessed in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five and paid into the treasury in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

**Trustees to give bond.**

SEC. 3. Before the receipt of the respective sums of money appropriated by this act, the board of trustees of said institution shall from time to time, execute such bonds and sureties as the Governor may require and approve, conditioned, for the faithful application of such moneys to the object specified in this act.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 19, 1855.