

CHAPTER 188.

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AN ACT to repeal chapter 136, laws of 1871, entitled "an act to organize a state board of charity and reform."

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Power to control investigations.

SECTION 1. Section 8 of chapter 136 of the general laws of 1871, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 8. The board shall have full power at all times to look into and examine the condition of the institutions and establishments referred to in this act, to enquire into and examine their methods of treatment, instruction, government and management of their inmates, the official conduct of trustees, managers, directors, superintendents and other officers and employes of the same, the conditions of the building, grounds and other property connected therewith, and into all other matters pertaining to their usefulness and good management; and for these purposes they shall have free access to all parts of the grounds and buildings, and to all books and papers of said institutions and establishments; and all persons now or hereafter connected with the same are hereby directed and required to give either verbally in writing, as the board may direct such information and to afford such facilities for inspection as the board may require. And the several members of the board and the secretary thereof are each hereby authorized to administer oaths in examining any person or person relative to any matters connected with the inquiries or investigations authorized by this act. And if any person so examined shall knowingly swear falsely on his or her examination, they or he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be punished in the manner provided in section two of chapter 167 of the revised statutes, entitled "of offenses against public justice."

Testimony, how taken.

SECTION 2. In case the said board shall desire to avail themselves of the provisions of chapter 25 of the general laws of 1868, "an act to provide for taking the deposition of witnesses in certain cases," they shall place a vote to that effect upon their records, and directing their secretary to make an application to some court commissioner, justice of the peace or other officer authorized by the laws of this state to take depositions, to be used and read in the circuit courts of this state, and upon such application it shall be duty of

such court commissioner or other officer to proceed in all respects as though the application had been made by the officers of state institutions as provided in said chapter 25; and all the provisions of said chapter 25 shall apply to the taking of deposition of witnesses on the application of the state board of charities and reform, the same as though application was made by trustees, managers or regents of state institutions.

SECTION 3. Any officer serving papers under the provisions of this act or the act to which this is amendatory, shall be entitled to the fees now allowed by law for similar services, to be audited and paid in the manner provided in said chapter 25, for the payment of the fees of the commissioner or other officer and the fees of witnesses.

Fees for giving papers.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the state board of charities and reform, when directed by the governor so to do, to investigate into the past or present management of any or either of the penal correctional reformatory or charitable state institutions, and they shall keep the governor advised of the progress being made in such investigations, and such reports shall from time to time be made as the governor may require, and upon the completion of such investigations they shall report to the governor the facts of the case in full. For services thus rendered under direction of the governor each member of the board shall receive the sum of five dollars per day for the time actually devoted to such investigations, and accounts therefor, when approved by the governor, shall be audited by the secretary of state and paid from the state treasury.

Duties, compensation, etc.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1874.

CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT to authorize the superintendent of public property to give out stationery in certain cases.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The superintendent of public property is hereby authorized to issue to the several standing committees of the legislature, upon the written requis-

Stationery.