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CHAPTER 205.

AN ACT to provide for the dispensing of charity in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. The county board of supervisors of each and every county in this state containing a city of the first class as defined by section 1, of chapter 312, of the laws of 1893, and in which the distinction between county poor and town poor shall have been abolished, shall, within one year from the passage of this act, cause to be established and shall thereafter maintain at the expense of such county, a stone yard or a wood yard, or both, as may be practicable, and also a temporary lodging and boarding house in connection therewith, with necessary and suitable structures and equipment therefor, on ground either purchased or leased by such county, and all persons receiving or applying for aid or relief from such county at the public charge, who are not incapacitated by age, sickness or other sufficient cause, and are not inmates of the county house, shall be directed or sent by the county superintendent of the poor or his authorized agents, to such stone or wood yard, and shall be required to perform work and labor at such yard or yards as a condition of receiving such aid or relief and before receiving the same, except in cases of emergency, when the superintendent of the poor of such county may furnish the immediate temporary relief needed without requiring such previous work or labor; provided, however, that no person shall receive board or lodging at such boarding and lodging house unless he shall make compensation therefor by his labor performed in said stone or wood yard, or for more than three consecutive days.

Stone yard or wood yard to be established for use of persons receiving public charity.

Commissioners
to be appointed
to superintend
the same.

SECTION 2. The county board of supervisors in each such county shall, prior to the first day of February, A. D. 1896, appoint three commissioners, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years, from the first day of February, A. D. 1896, and thereafter said county board shall annually appoint one commissioner for the term of three years in place of the commissioner whose term shall then expire. Said commissioners shall have power to make and establish rules and regulations for the conduct and management of such yard or yards and of such boarding and lodging house as shall be so established, and to provide for the purchase and supply of tools, furniture, materials and supplies for the business of such yard or yards and said boarding and lodging house, at the expense of their county, and shall also have power to sell and dispose of any and all products of such stone or wood yards, or both, as to them shall seem best, and in the name of their county to collect and receive the proceeds thereof; and it shall be the duty of said commissioners to make a quarterly report, under oath of their president and secretary, to said county board of supervisors of all purchases and sales made and of all moneys received for the products of said stone or wood yard or both, and of the expense of operating the same, and at the same time to pay into the county treasury all moneys so received.

President to be
elected from
the commis-
sioners.

SECTION 3. The commissioners appointed as provided in section 2, of this act, shall elect from among their number a president, and shall also appoint a general manager and a superintendent of said yard or yards and of the business carried on in connection therewith, one of whom, to be designated by said commissioners, shall also act as secretary of said commissioners; and it shall also be the duty of said general manager and superintendent, under the direction of said commissioners and subject to the rules and regulations adopted by them, to superintend and manage the business of said

yard or yards and the work and labor there done, and to perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by said board, and such superintendent and manager shall respectively receive such salaries for their services as such and as secretary of said commissioners, not less than fifteen hundred nor more than two thousand dollars in the aggregate, as shall be fixed by the said commissioners with the approval of the county board of supervisors, which salaries shall be paid out of the county treasury as the salaries of other county officers are paid. The commissioners, including the president, shall receive no compensation for their services as such.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the county board of supervisors of each such county to provide by taxation the necessary funds for maintaining and operating such stone and wood yards and such boarding and lodging house, when established, and to pay the necessary expenses of operating the same, including the salaries of the manager and superintendent thereof. Said commissioners are hereby empowered to receive for the use and maintenance of said yards and the business there carried on, private contributions of either real or personal property, and they shall make report to said county board of supervisors of any and all contributions so received.

Necessary
funds to be
furnished by
taxation.

SECTION 5. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 12, 1895.