

No. 246, A.]

[Published May 2, 1901.]

CHAPTER 223.

AN ACT relating to admission of children to the state public school, and amendatory of section 573a of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898.

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

Age of admission; return of child to county; placing in home; compensation of person taking child to state school. SECTION 1. Section 573a of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by omitting the words "over three and" in the second line, and by adding to the said section the words "provided that the board in charge of the state school and the management of the corporations in this state organized under and by virtue of the laws of this state, for the purpose of securing homes for dependents, are required to place in worthy homes within sixty days from and after the date of receiving any and all children, and in case of a failure so to do the superintendent of the said school and the managing officer or superintendent of the said corporations are required to make a verified statement of the reasons for such failure in each and every case and every sixty days thereafter a like statement shall be filed until such child is placed in a home and this statement shall be filed with the state board of control, and shall be at all times open to the inspection of any citizen in this state. The said statement to be countersigned by the physician of the state school and by the physician of every corporation hereinbefore referred to as the case may be. And the amounts to be paid to any person as compensation for taking any child to the state school, or any child committed by any court to any of the aforementioned corporations, shall not exceed the sum of two dollars for each and every day actually and necessarily used, plus the necessary expenses, and no charge shall be made for more than one person escorting each child, and whenever practical a woman shall be employed as such escort for children under three years of age. Officers and persons directed by any court to take and deliver any children at the office of any such incorporated society, when so directed and commanded by such court, shall for so doing be entitled to receive the compensation herein provided," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 573a.

There shall be received as pupils in said school such children under fourteen years of age as are in a suitable condition of body and mind to receive instruction and who shall be found dependent upon the public for support, as hereinafter declared; provided, that in admitting children said board shall give the preference to those under twelve years of age and to dependent and indigent orphan or half orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors of this state. Those who are received into the school, unless they are sent therefrom as hereinafter provided, shall be retained until they are sixteen years of age, and may remain after they have reached that age and until a home is provided for them, in the discretion of the board. Any child may be returned to the county from which it was sent to said school on its attaining the age of sixteen years if no home has been obtained for it, or at any time after its admission if said board be satisfied that it was unsound in mind or body at the time it was admitted or if for any other reason the board shall consider the child an improper inmate of the school. On the return of any child, pursuant to law, the guardianship of the board of control shall cease and the child so returned shall become a charge on the county from which it was sent. Said board shall give the superintendent of poor of the proper county its reasons in writing for returning such child, provided, that the board in charge of the state school and the management of the corporations in this state organized under and by virtue of the laws of this state, for the purpose of securing homes for dependents, are required to place in worthy homes within sixty days from and after the date of receiving any and all children, and in case of failure so to do, the superintendent of the said school and the managing officer or superintendent of the said corporations are required to make a verified statement of the reasons for such failure in each and every case and every sixty days thereafter a like statement shall be filed until such child is placed in a home and this statement shall be filed with the state board of control, and shall be at all times open to the inspection of any citizen of this state. The said statement to be countersigned by the physician of the state school and by the physician of every corporation hereinbefore referred to as the case may be. And the amounts to be paid to any person as compensation for taking any child to the state school, or any child committed by any court to any of the aforementioned corporations, shall not exceed the sum of two dollars for each and every day actually used, plus the necessary expenses, and no charge shall be made for more than one person escorting each child, and whenever practical a woman shall be employed as such escort for children under three years

of age. Officers and persons directed by any court to take and deliver any children at the office of any such incorporated society when so directed and committed by such court, shall for so doing be entitled to receive the compensation herein provided for.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 26, 1901.

No. 241, A.]

[Published May 2, 1901.

CHAPTER 224.

AN ACT to appropriate a certain sum of money therein named to purchase sets of annotations to the Wisconsin supreme court reports for the several counties within the state, and to provide the state offices with the same.

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

Distribution of volumes. SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twelve hundred dollars to purchase one hundred and sixty sets of Wing & Wattawa's new annotations to the Wisconsin supreme court reports, with supplement, bound in flexible morocco covers. The said sets shall be distributed to the several counties within the state as follows: two sets to each county, to be furnished to the clerk of the circuit court and to the county judge, and to be kept in the custody of those officers and to be used as a part of the Wisconsin reports now in their possession, and one each to the several state officers that now have the supreme court reports in their several offices.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 26, 1901.