

4556 of the statutes, and amendments thereto; those who are convicted of habitual drunkenness, or of being a common prostitute or of soliciting on public streets or places for the purpose of prostitution, or frequenting disorderly houses or houses of prostitution, or of any misdemeanor, or those who are convicted of the "drug habit," which is hereby defined to mean such excessive indulgence in the use of morphine or cocaine or other drugs of like or similar character as to undermine the physical strength or will power or moral character of the individual so using it, as to render such person dangerous to society, a menace to the community, or personally degraded.

Section 4944—r. The state board of control of Wisconsin shall, within a reasonable time after the selection of the site aforesaid, and the governor's approval of such site, erect thereon the necessary buildings for the institution and shall equip one ward or department of such institution with suitable hospital facilities for the treatment of women afflicted with venereal disease; and shall also equip a psychological laboratory for the study and treatment of mental disorders to which women and girls addicted to immoral practices are subject. Such females shall be committed for treatment and such industrial training as shall enable them to support themselves properly, and shall be subject to such examinations, treatments, operations and tests, under the rules and regulations of the board of control, as shall be deemed necessary by the state board of health to improve their physical and mental condition.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 348.

AN ACT to provide for the appointment of county election commissioners to regulate the conduct of elections in counties containing cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a county board of election commissioners for each county containing a city of the first class, composed of three members, who shall be appointed as follows: The chairman of the county board of such county shall appoint three members for terms of one, two and three years, respectively, dating from July first of the year of the passage.

of this act, and until their successors are commissioned and qualified. Successors shall be appointed at the expiration of each term in like manner and their terms of office shall be three years in all cases, beginning July first in the year in which they are appointed and until their successors are commissioned and qualified. The board shall be composed of one member from each of the three dominant political parties, as shown by the returns of the last preceding general election, and appointments shall be made in accordance with this rule. The party affiliation in each case shall be attested by the respective chairmen of the county committees of the several political parties before such appointment shall be in force. The board shall choose its own chairman. In case of vacancy for any cause in said board, such vacancy shall be filled in like manner as appointments for the full term, by appointment by the chairman of the county board for the unexpired term. Such commissioners shall be legal voters, and residents of the state for at least five years, and of the county for a like period of time. They shall hold no other public office, the offices of notary public and city election commissioner excepted, and shall be ineligible to any other elective or appointive public office while members of such board, and shall, before entering upon the duties of county election commissioners, subscribe to an oath binding them to support the constitution of the United States and of the state of Wisconsin, and to conduct themselves faithfully and impartially in office, said oath of office to be filed in the office of the county clerk.

SECTION 2. Said county board of election commissioners shall have all such authority, duties and power in regard to the preparation, distribution, custody and canvass of ballots and notices of election and in regard to the conduct of and control over any and all elections which are now vested in the county board, the county board of canvassers for general elections and primaries, the county clerk or any other county officers. The county commissioners of election shall receive such salaries as the county board of such county shall determine, provided that if a commissioner is appointed as a member of both the city election commission and county election commission, he shall receive but one salary, one-half of which shall be paid by the county and one-half by the city.

SECTION 3. Said board shall have power to employ a secretary who shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the said board of election commissioners, and he shall receive such salary as the board shall determine; and in case the same person is also secretary of the city board of election commis-

sioners, he shall receive but one salary, one-half of which shall be paid by the county and one-half by the city.

SECTION 4. The said board of election commissioners may procure a seal with which to authenticate official papers and documents and said board is authorized to employ such additional clerical assistants as shall be necessary from time to time, who shall receive such compensation as the county board shall determine.

The county board shall arrange for office room for the said board of election commissioners; and all expenses incurred under this act shall be paid out of the county treasury, and the expenses incurred by said board of election commissioners shall be paid upon the orders of said board, signed by the chairman and secretary and countersigned by the county clerk, and such orders shall be made payable to the order of the persons in whose favor they shall be issued, and shall be the vouchers of the county treasurer for the payment of such orders. The act of a majority of said county board of election commissioners shall be considered the act of said board.

SECTION 5. Said county commissioners of election may be removed upon proof of official misconduct or neglect of duty, by the chairman of the county board. Any commissioner so removed may appeal to the county board within ten days after such removal, and the county board shall conduct a hearing in such manner as shall be determined by the county board, and determine the question of removal on such appeal.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of all officers and departments in counties governed by the provisions of this act to cooperate with the said board of election commissioners in carrying out the provisions of this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall be liberally construed so that its purpose may not be defeated by any informality or failure to comply with the several provisions in respect to either the giving of notices or keeping within the exact period of time provided herein.

SECTION 8. Any public officer who shall wilfully fail or neglect to perform any duty imposed upon him by the provisions of this act, or knowingly make false certificate in respect to such duty or to any matter to which he may be required by law to officially certify, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail or house of correction in such county for a period not exceeding nine months or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars and the costs of prosecution.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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