

**SECTION 5.** Whenever twenty or more freeholders in and qualified electors of said city, shall petition the common council of said city to submit the question of issuing bonds mentioned in section three (3) or four (4) of this act, and shall have filed such petition with the city clerk of said city, then the common council of said city shall at their next meeting take the necessary steps required by the provisions of this act to submit such question to the qualified electors of said city. But this section shall not be so construed as to prohibit said common council from submitting such question without such petition.

*Petition for election on bridge question.*

*Construction.*

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

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## CHAPTER 396.

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AN ACT in relation to the Milwaukee hospital.

**WHEREAS,** The Rev. W. A. Passavant, by the aid of sundry charitable persons, has established a hospital known as the "Milwaukee hospital," in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in order that the suffering and sick might be cared for and relieved in a becoming and christian manner, without distinction of creed, country or color, and has placed the same under the more immediate supervision and control of "the institution of Protestant deaconesses," an association duly incorporated by the legislature of Pennsylvania, and authorized to establish and conduct hospitals and other institutions of mercy in the United [States]—it is enacted:

*Preamble.*

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

**SECTION 1.** That the said Reverend W. A. Passavant is hereby authorized and empowered to assign, convey and transfer to the aforesaid corporation, all property, real, personal and mixed, which may be hereafter held by him in trust for the purposes of said hospi-

*Transfer of property authorized.*

tal, subject to the same trusts and considerations upon which he may hold the same; and that any other person or persons now holding or who may hereafter hold any goods, chattels or property, real, personal or mixed, in trust for the use of the aforesaid hospital, are hereby authorized to convey, assign and transfer the same to the aforementioned "institution of Protestant deaconesses," subject to the trusts and conditions under which the same is or may be held by such person or persons.

Board of visitors  
—their duties.

SECTION 2. That in order more perfectly to secure and perpetuate the charitable and impartial character of this hospital, Alexander Mitchell, Eliphalet Cramer, John H. Vandyke, John Henry Inbusch, Greenleaf D. Norris, John Nazro, Lester Sexton, Joseph T. Bradford, Charles Eisfeldt, Gideon P. Hewitt, Frederick Kuestemeyer, Sr., John Tomsen, Charles F. Isley and W. H. Sinclair, and their successors, appointed as hereinafter provided, shall constitute a board of visitors, who shall meet annually on the third Monday in January, to examine and report for publication the condition and management of the Milwaukee hospital aforesaid; for which purpose they shall have free access to all the buildings, apartments and grounds belonging thereto, and the inspection of all books, papers and accounts relating to the management thereof. And it shall be their special duty to investigate, and in their annual report set forth, any discrimination which may at any time hereafter be made in favor of the sick of one creed, color or country over another, in the granting of permits or the care of the sick, to the end that any such abuse may be speedily corrected. All vacancies in said "board of visitors" shall be filled by the votes of a majority of the patrons of the hospital hereinafter mentioned, at a meeting convened for the purpose, on the call of the surviving members of the board, or in default of such election, by the board of visitors at their next annual meeting.

Vacancies in  
board.

Annual report.

SECTION 3. The director of the hospital, together with the physicians and treasurer, all of whom are appointed by the aforementioned "institution of Protestant deaconesses," shall present an annual report of their respective departments of the hospital to the said board of visitors, which, if so ordered by them, shall be published in pamphlet form.

contributions.

SECTION 4. That any contributor who has already

or who shall hereafter subscribe the sum of one thousand dollars at a single benefaction, or who has subscribed a less sum, and shall increase the same to one thousand dollars, on payment of the same into the treasury, shall be entitled to become a patron for life, and shall have the right to nominate and send in, gratuitously, one patient at all times during the year: *provided*, that the person so nominated shall be of the condition and fall within and comply with the rules that may be established for the government of the hospital. And the same privileges and rights shall be conferred on any person or corporation paying one hundred dollars annually, for the period of fifteen years, and the same privileges and rights to the free beds of the hospital shall be conferred on any church or religious society which shall take an annual collection for the benefit of the hospital, amounting to the sum of seventy-five dollars annually.

SECTION 5. The buildings, grounds and such real estate belonging to the Milwaukee hospital as shall be used by it for the humane purposes of the institution, shall be exempted from taxation. Exemption.

SECTION 6. The inclosed site and lands of this institution, devoted to hospital purposes, shall in no wise be affected by changes which may be made in existing roads or by the laying out of new streets, without the written consent of the board of visitors, which consent shall be obtained at an annual meeting or a special meeting, on the call of one-third of the members of the board. Grounds not to be affected by streets.

SECTION 7. No gift or grant made to the "Milwaukee hospital" by legacy or subscription, shall be lost to the institution because of a misnomer in the will or agreement: *provided*, the purpose of the testator or donor was clearly to appropriate the amount specified to the charitable purposes of this institution. Misnomer not to vitiate legacy, &c.

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