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CHAPTER 138.

AN ACT to establish a home for the custody, training and education of the feeble-minded, epileptic and idiotic, and to appropriate certain sums of money therein named.

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

Home for feeble-minded created.

SECTION 1. There is hereby created and established for the care, custody and training of the feeble-minded, epileptic and idiotic of this state, an institution to be known as "The Wisconsin Home for feeble-minded."

State board of control shall select a suitable site and may receive proposals of money, etc.

SECTION 2. The state board of control shall within six months from the passage of this act, select a suitable site for such a home, and shall have power to receive proposals for the donation of land to the state for such site, and to receive the same by gift, or they may purchase such site if no proper location shall be given for that purpose, and they may receive proposals for donations of money or other securities in behalf of this state for the benefit of such home, and they may locate the same, by and with the consent of the governor of the state, at such point as they, together with the governor, shall deem for the best interests of this state, and receive any donations or bequests which may be made for its maintenance and support. Said board shall, as soon as practicable, after the location of said institution, cause to be erected on the site so selected, suitable buildings, and make thereon the improvements necessary to carry into effect the provision of this act. The site selected shall comprise not less than two hundred acres of land, possessing good facilities for drainage and sewerage, and an abundant supply of pure water. Municipalities of this state are hereby empowered to make the donations herein men-

tioned for the establishment and building of such a home.

SECTION 3. The general supervision and government of said home shall be vested in the state board of control of reformatory, charitable and penal institutions, pursuant to the law creating and defining the duties of said board, and said board shall establish a system of government for the institution, and shall make all necessary rules and regulations for enforcing discipline, imparting instruction, preserving health, and for the proper care and training of the persons in said home. The said board shall appoint a superintendent, a matron, and such other officers, teachers and employes as shall be necessary, who shall severally hold their offices or places during the pleasure of said board, and said board shall prescribe their duties and fix their salaries, and all provisions of chapter 298, of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1881, and chapter 221, of the laws of Wisconsin for the year 1891, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, shall, as far as practicable, apply to the government and management of said home.

Supervision of the board to be vested in board of control.

SECTION 4. All feeble-minded, epileptic and idiotic persons, residents of the state, or any such person found therein, whose residence cannot be ascertained, may be admitted to said home and receive the benefit thereof free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as may be made by the said board of control, and said board shall adopt and publish a schedule of maximum charges and expenses, for such feeble-minded, epileptic and idiotic persons as may be placed in the said home, but who shall not, for any reason, be entitled to be admitted or kept free of charge; provided, that all provisions of chapter 32, of the revised statutes of the state of Wisconsin, relating to the support of insane persons and the liability of counties therefor, shall also apply, as far as practicable, to persons admitted to said home for the feeble-minded.

Persons who may be admitted to the home.

SECTION 5. All the provisions of chapter 32,

Regarding the admission of patients.
Statutes to rule.

of the revised statutes of the state of Wisconsin and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, in relation to the admission of patients to the hospitals or asylums for the insane, of this state, and the proceedings to determine such insanity, and all the powers and duties now conferred or devolved by law upon the several judges in this state, in relation to the commitment of persons to some hospital or asylum for the insane, shall, as far as practicable, apply to the admission of feeble-minded, epileptic and idiotic persons to the home hereby established; and all applications, proceedings, orders and judgments to determine the condition of said insane persons, shall, as far as practicable, apply to the persons committed to the home hereby established; and all the powers and duties conferred, or devolved by law upon the said judges are hereby conferred, devolved and charged upon said judges, as to the proceedings and judicial inquiries, orders, judgments and commitments for the admission of persons to the said home hereby created.

Organization into departments.

SECTION 6. Said home for the feeble-minded shall be organized into the following departments:

Educable classes

1. A school department for the educable grades or classes.

Helpless classes.

2. A custodial department for the helpless and lower types.

All others.

3. Such other departments, or colonies, as the needs of the institution may require.

Trades and industries to be introduced.

As soon as practicable such trades and manual industries as are adapted to these several departments shall be introduced and established by the said board of control.

Persons now in public institutions may be admitted

SECTION 7. All persons now confined in any of the charitable, reformatory or penal institutions within the state, who, upon proper examination by the said board of control, shall be found to be of the condition and qualification described by this act, may, by order of said board, by and with the advice and consent of the governor, be transferred to the said "Wis-

consin Home for Feeble-minded," to be kept and dealt with as prescribed by this act and the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto; and the said board shall make all rules and regulations relating to their temporary or final discharge.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of carrying into effect the purposes specified in this act, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Fifty thousand dollars to be paid during the year 1895, and fifty thousand dollars to be paid during the year 1896; which sums may be drawn by the said board upon their warrants as provided by law.

Appropriation
\$100,000.

SECTION 9. All acts and parts of acts so far as they conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 139.

AN ACT to authorize the boards of trustees of certain incorporated villages to levy corporation taxes.

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

SECTION 1. The board of trustees of every incorporated village, having a population of four thousand or more inhabitants, or which shall hereafter have such number of inhabitants, shall on or before the fifteenth day of October in each year, by resolution to be en-

Two-tenths of
one per cent.
of assessed
valuation al-
lowed in vil-
lages of 4,000.