

1901, meet at the office of the town clerk of the town of Sampson, for the purpose of making a settlement between said two towns according to the provisions of this act, and at said meeting or at any subsequent or adjourned meeting, held by said town boards of supervisors, any three of the supervisors shall have full power and authority to send for any persons, books, papers and records, necessarily involved or needed in the settlement between said two towns. The town clerk of the town of Sampson shall be and act as the clerk of such joint meeting, and the town clerk of the new town of Rusk, shall be present and assist, and sufficient duplicates or copies of all proceedings had, shall be made in order that each town may have at least one for the use and information of the town clerk and town board of supervisors thereof. Each town shall be chargeable with the expense, and for the services and per diem of its own officers only, and the bills therefor shall be audited and paid by the respective towns of Sampson and Rusk, as other bills are by law authorized to be audited and paid.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 385.

AN ACT to amend section 1547 of the statutes of 1898, relating to the commitment of children.

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

**Commitment of children; appeal; amendment of judgment.** SECTION 1. Section 1547 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by changing the word "sixteen" in the second line of said section, to "eighteen," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1547. Any male child under the age of ten years and any female child under the age of eighteen years, besides such as are included in section 1543, who shall be

found begging or receiving alms, either directly or under pretense of selling or offering anything for sale in any public street or place for that purpose, or wandering in public places as one of the class known as rag pickers, or wandering without having any home, abode or proper guardianship, or destitute because an orphan, or having a parent undergoing imprisonment or otherwise, or who frequents the company of reputed thieves or of lewd, wanton or lascivious persons in speech or behavior, or notorious resorts of bad characters, or is an inmate of any house of ill fame or poor house whether in company with a parent or otherwise or has been abandoned in any way by parents or guardians, and any child within the ages aforesaid, upon petition of his parents, guardian, or if none, those having him in charge, showing that the welfare and best interests of the child require it, may be brought before any judge of a court of record of the county and committed to the state public school, or to an industrial school, in the manner and for the time before provided in this chapter, and subject to like appeal. If for any reason the commitment of any such child cannot be executed at the school designated, the judge may afterwards amend the judgment or commitment, by substituting some other industrial school, and in case of boys so committed who shall remain in any such school after arriving at the age of ten years, the commitment may be amended by the judge making the same, by substituting the Wisconsin industrial school for boys. If the commitment be made on the petition of parents, guardian or persons having the child in charge, the judge may, in his discretion, require them to pay the whole or any part of the expense of maintenance, according to their ability.

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

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