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CHAPTER 233.

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 94 of the laws of 1905 relating to the appointment of a board of trustees to govern and manage the county hospital, county farm, almshouse and department of outdoor relief and to have the care and support of poor in all counties having a population of 250,000 or over, and providing for an increase of compensation of such trustees.

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

Compensation of each trustee \$600. SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 94 of the laws of 1905 is amended to read as follows: Section 1. In all counties in this state now having or which may hereafter have, according to any census theretofore taken, a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more inhabitants, wherein the county board of supervisors has abolished all distinction between county poor and town poor in such county and has adopted the county system for the care and support of the poor, and wherein there has been or hereafter may be established and maintained at the expense of such county, a hospital for the care of destitute sick persons, not insane, a county poor farm, almshouse and water works, and a department of outdoor relief, the county board of supervisors shall elect by ballot five persons to act as a board of trustees of said county hospital, county poor farm, almshouse and water works and department of outdoor relief, no more than three of whom shall be members of the same political party. Such trustees shall be citizens of the United States, residents and electors in the county and they shall hold no other lucrative office or position in the county government. Said county board of supervisors shall before the first day of July, 1905, at a regular or adjourned meeting elect by ballot said five trustees as follows: One for a term of one year; one for a term of two years; one for a term of three years; one for a term of four years; and one for a term of five years. All of said terms to date from the first day of July, 1905. Thereafter, when the term of office of any trustee shall expire, his successor shall be elected by said county board of supervisors for the term of five years and any va-

cancy occurring shall be filled for the unexpired term by said county board in like manner. Each trustee shall, before entering upon the duties of his said office, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, and faithfully to discharge his duties to the best of his ability, and shall execute to the county his bond in a reasonable sum to be fixed by said county board for the faithful performance of his duties as such trustee, which oath or affirmation and bond shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. The compensation for each such trustee shall be * * * *six hundred dollars per annum, and shall be paid monthly from the county treasury in the same manner and at the same time the salaries of other county officers and employees are paid.* Any such trustee may be removed from office for misconduct or neglect of duty, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of said county board of supervisors, but before removal, he shall have notice in writing of the charges preferred against him and be given an opportunity to be heard. Such trustees shall be in no wise or in any manner pecuniarily interested either directly or indirectly in any contract or agreement whatever, verbal or written or otherwise with said board of trustees for the purchase of any article or thing whatever required by either of the above named departments of poor in the county; and all contracts and agreements made by said board of trustees in violation of the foregoing prohibition shall be void and any such trustee who shall be guilty of such violation shall upon conviction thereof, in addition to removal from office, be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the state's prison not less than one year nor more than five years. Such trustees when elected and qualified shall organize by the election of a president, vice-president and secretary; the county board shall provide said board of trustees with suitable quarters for the transaction of its business.

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

Approved June 18, 1907.