

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

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CHAPTER 489.

AN ACT to amend section 697—7 of the statutes, relating to guardianship and adoption of dependent children.

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

SECTION 1. Section 697—7 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 697—7. 1. The said board of trustees * * * may receive into its charge and under its control by commitment, or otherwise, and become the legal guardian of any child under sixteen years of age residing in the county for which such home for dependent children has been organized, who shall be grossly ill-treated by any person having or exercising control over it, or who shall have been abandoned, or be without a home, or be surrounded by bad or immoral influences, or be dependent, or whose parent, or person standing in his place, by an instrument in writing, shall assign and commit such child to the care and custody of such home for dependent children; and all courts, judges, justices of the peace, superintendents of the poor, supervisors, and other officers authorized by law to commit dependent children to industrial schools, asylums, to state public schools, or other institutions for the care of dependent or neglected children, may commit any such child or children to such home for dependent children.

2. Such home for dependent children may procure suitable and proper homes for and give away by adoption or place in families in this state upon written contracts any and all such children during their minority and is hereby constituted the legal guardian of all children committed to or received by it as aforesaid, and may consent in the courts of this state to the adoption of any such child by any person or persons in the manner provided by law; and such consent given in writing shall have the same force and effect as if given by the parent or parents of such child. Such written consent shall be given in duplicate, and one copy shall be filed with the secretary of said trustees, and the other delivered to the county court in which the proceedings for adoption are taken to be there filed. On the consummation of such proceedings, the custody of said trustees over the child adopted shall cease, except as hereinafter provided. It shall be the duty

of the court making the order of adoption to transmit a certified copy of such order to the trustees of the institution from which such child was received.

3. *The board of trustees of such home for dependent children may enter into a written contract with any person who shall take or receive any such child otherwise than by adoption, and such contract shall provide for the proper care, education, and maintenance of such child during its minority, and specify the amount to be paid it at the expiration of the period of such contract, provided that in no case shall such contract contain any provision of a sectarian or partisan nature regarding its care, custody, or education.*

4. *It shall be the duty of the court before whom such child is presented to procure a full statement as near as possible setting forth all facts, showing why such child or children should be committed to such home for dependent children. Such statement shall give the exact name or names, age or ages of said child or children, when and where born, full name of both parents, their family history in reference to tuberculosis, syphilis, insanity, and epilepsy, whether living or dead, their present residence, their previous residence, their financial condition, the name and residence of their nearest relatives, and whether they are able or not to support said child or children. The said statement must show whether child or children are dependent upon their respective county for support.*

(Am. 1911, ch. 664, s. 104.)

5. *If the judge shall find as the result of such examination that such child is dependent or neglected, he shall cause it to be examined by the county physician if there be one, and if there is none, by a respectable practicing physician. Such physician shall certify in writing that he is of the opinion that the child examined by him is of sound mind and is not affected by any chronic or contagious disease and ascertain whether there is or has been any tuberculosis, syphilis, insanity, or epilepsy, and had not been exposed to any contagious disease within fifteen days previous to the examination, and verify such opinion by his affidavit, which shall be attached thereto and filed in the judge's office. A certified copy of such finding and a statement of the facts ascertained as aforesaid, with a copy of the certificate of the physician shall be delivered with the child at such home for dependent children.*

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts conflicting with any provisions of this act are repealed in so far as they are inconsistent therewith.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 490.

AN ACT to amend section 12 of chapter 218 of the laws of 1899, as amended, relating to a district court for the county of Milwaukee,

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

SECTION 1. Section 12 of chapter 218 of the laws of 1899, as amended by chapter 429 of the laws of 1905, is amended to read: Section 12. The judge of said district court is hereby authorized to appoint a phonographic reporter for such court. The person so appointed shall be deemed an officer of the court, and before entering upon the duties of his office shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and file the same, duly certified to, in the office of the county clerk of Milwaukee county. Such reporter so appointed shall attend all the sessions of said district court and shall report all preliminary examinations held before said court; but in all cases of prosecutions for violations of the ordinances of the city of Milwaukee, and in all prosecutions for misdemeanors, said reporter shall not be required to report such trial or proceeding, nor shall it be necessary for said judge of said court to take minutes of the evidence given before him; but said district judge may, in his discretion, require said reporter to report and transcribe the evidence given upon any trial or proceeding, other than preliminary examinations, which may be had before said court. It shall be the duty of said reporter, at the request of any party, to transcribe in longhand the evidence * * * given in any proceeding or trial taken by him in said district court, or any part thereof, which transcript shall be duly certified by him to be correct, and for which he shall be entitled to receive from the party requesting the same, five cents per folio, when written out in full, and when, at the request of the party it shall be written in narrative form, ten cents per folio. Said reporter shall be furnished all necessary stationery and supplies upon his requisition to the county clerk. It shall be the duty of such reporter to transcribe, as soon as may be, the charge of the court to the jury, in such jury cases as he shall have been directed to report, and the evidence taken upon preliminary examinations, whether the