

“such levy not to be increased or diminished by any executive or administrative officer”, and by inserting in each place thereof the following language: “such levy not to be increased by any executive or administrative officer but may be diminished as provided in section 1069a.”

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 637.

AN ACT to repeal section 573f of the statutes and to create a new section to be numbered 573f of the statutes, and to amend subsection 51 of section 172—67 of the statutes, relating to dependent children and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 573f of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. There is added to the statutes a new section to be numbered and to read: Section 573f. 1. If any person shall have knowledge that any child is dependent upon the public for support or that such child is neglected or that the health of such child is endangered, such person may bring any such fact to the notice of a judge of a juvenile court or of a county court of the county in which such child resides.

2. The said judge may make or cause to be made such investigation and examination before the granting of aid for such child as he may deem necessary.

3. The proceedings provided for by this section may include one or more children, all of whom may be named in the same notice, and order of the judge thereon.

4. Upon such investigation the judge may, as the best interest of such child requires, grant aid to it or to its parents or to any person having the care and custody of such child, or commit such child to the state public school, or place such child in the home of a relative or friend of the family or in the home of a person interested in public welfare or make such other disposition of such child as he may deem wise.

5. Aid for dependent children shall only be granted upon the following conditions: There must be one or more children living with or dependent upon the mother or grandparents or person having the care and custody of such children, one or more

of whom shall be under the age of fourteen; the mother or grandparent or such other person must have been a legal resident of the county at the time of the notice for such aid; the mother must be a widow or the wife of a husband who is incapacitated for gainful work by permanent mental or physical disability, or of a husband who has been sentenced to a penal institution for one year or more, or of a husband who has continuously deserted her for one year or more during which time all provisions of law have been used to enforce support and none has been obtained; the mother or grandparents or person having the care and custody of such children must be of good moral character and the proper person to have the custody and care of the dependent children; the period of aid must be likely to continue longer than one year and the aid must be reasonably necessary to save the children from neglect or danger to health.

6. The aid granted shall be sufficient to enable the mother, grandparents or person having or appointed to have the custody of such children to properly care for the children and shall not exceed fifteen dollars per month for the first child and ten dollars per month for each additional child and in no case shall any one family receive more than forty dollars per month. Such aid shall be the only form of public assistance granted to the family and no aid shall continue longer than one year without re-investigation and action as when first granted.

7. The county board of each county shall annually appropriate a sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act. Upon the orders of the judge of the court having jurisdiction, the county treasurer shall pay out the amounts ordered to be paid as aid, under the provisions of this section.

8. The county clerk of each county shall make a report to the county board at its annual November meeting showing in detail the amount of money advanced by the county to the residents of each town, village and city under the provisions of this section. The county board at such meeting shall determine the amount to be raised and paid by each such town, village and city to reimburse the county for the money so advanced. Within ten days after such determination the county clerk of each county shall certify to the clerk of and charge to each such town, village and city the amount so advanced. Each such town, city and village shall levy a tax sufficient to reimburse the county for such advances to be collected as other taxes and paid into the county treasury. If any town, city or village shall fail to raise and pay over such money to the county the county board shall have authority to compel such payment.

9. On the first day of January of each year the county treasurer shall certify under oath, in duplicate, to the secretary of state and the state board of control the amount paid out by such county during the preceding year for aid under this section, and if the board of control shall approve the same and shall cause its approval to be indorsed by the president and secretary of said board on the certificate received by the secretary of state, the secretary of state shall credit one-third of the amount so certified to be due such county on the state taxes next due therefrom, and the state treasurer shall credit such county with said one-third of such amount in his annual settlement with said county for taxes due the state; provided, that the amount paid by the state to any county in any one year shall not exceed a sum equal to one dollar for each thirty inhabitants thereof; provided, further, that if the total amount paid by all the counties under this act as certified by the county treasurers shall exceed the sum appropriated by subsection 51 of section 172—67, the secretary of state and the state treasurer shall prorate the said sum among the various counties according to the amount paid out.

SECTION 3. Subsection 51 of section 172—67 of the statutes is amended to read: (Section 172—67) 51. There is annually appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, a sum not to exceed * * * *thirty* thousand dollars as state aid to dependent children to carry into effect the provisions of section 573f, said sum to be offset in the manner provided in subsection * * * 9 of section 573f.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication:

Approved August 23, 1915.