

## CHAPTER 147.

[Published April 1, 1871.]

**AN ACT** to secure a proper guardianship for children in the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. All children remaining in the Soldiers' Orphans' Home after the first day of September of this year shall become the wards of the state. Shall become wards of the state.

SECTION 2. The state board of charities and reform shall by virtue of their office as a state board, be the legal guardians of all children who may be inmates of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home after the first day of September of this year, with authority to bind out any of such children for such time and purpose as they shall deem proper, and for the best interest of the child. State board of charities to be guardians.

SECTION 3. The secretary of the said board is hereby constituted a state agent to act under authority of said board, and it shall be his duty to ascertain the condition and circumstances of all the children who may, on the first day of September, be an inmate of the Home, with a view, if deemed for the best interest of such children, of providing them with suitable places, where they may be taught some trade or occupation, the better to fit them for the duties of life. Secretary of board to act as state agent.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the state agent His duties. to exercise a close supervision over the interest of any and every child during their minority, who may by virtue of this act, be bound out, to the end that the terms of the compact made be faithfully carried out, and the interest of the child properly cared for; and he is hereby authorized to institute inquiries, visit the child, or in any way he may deem proper, ascertain that this is done.

SECTION 5. If it shall be found that any child bound out, by virtue of this act, is being neglected or is unjustly treated, the state agent shall, by authority of the board, remove such child and institute or cause

Remedy for mistreatment of child bound out.

**Superintend't  
to notify pa-  
rents and  
guardians of  
the provisions  
of this act.**

**Salary of state  
agent.**

**Appropriated.**

to be instituted, a suit for damages for any ill treatment it may have received at the hands of the person or persons in whose charge it has been.

**SECTION 6.** The superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home shall before the first day of May of this year, notify the parents and guardians of the children who may be inmates of the home on that day, of the provisions of this act, if the residence of the parents and guardian is known to him, and if such residence be not known to him, then he shall cause this act to be published in the Madison State Journal once a week for four consecutive weeks.

**SECTION 7.** The salary of the state agent under the provisions of this act shall be determined by the state board of charities and reform, but in no case shall it exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, but his necessary traveling expenses shall be paid out of the state treasury.

**SECTION 8.** There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury, in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act.

**SECTION 9.** All acts or part of acts interfering or conflicting 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.

Approved March 24, 1871.

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## CHAPTER 148.

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**AN ACT to provide for the protection of Superior harbor at Superior City, and to prevent the diversion of the waters of the St. Louis river from their natural outlet.**

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

**Governor to  
make inquiries.**

**SECTION 1.** The governor is hereby authorized and directed to inquire into and ascertain whether the com-