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CHAPTER 319.

AN ACT, amendatory of section 1512 of the statutes of 1898, relating to the relief and support of the poor.

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

Relief of strangers; county's liability; residence. SECTION 1. Section 1512 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended so as to read, when amended, as follows: Section 1512. When any person not having a legal settlement therein shall be taken sick, lame or otherwise disabled in any town, city or village, or from any other cause shall be in need of relief as a poor person and shall not have money or property to pay his board, maintenance, attendance and medical aid, the supervisors or other proper authorities shall provide such assistance to such persons as they may deem just and necessary, and if he shall die, they shall give him a decent burial. They shall make such allowance for such board, maintenance, nursing, medical aid and burial expenses as they shall deem just, and order the same to be paid out of the town, city or village treasury. The expenses so incurred shall be a charge against the county. The account therefor shall be audited by the county board and paid out of the county treasury, and to be by said county recovered of the town, city or village in which such person so relieved has a legal settlement; provided, however, that if such town, city or village is located in a county which has adopted and maintains the county system of maintaining its poor, then and in that case the county shall be liable. It shall be the duty of the town, city or village clerk to ascertain, if possible, the town, city or village in which such person has a legal settlement, and within ten days after such person becomes a public charge, to serve upon the county clerk of his county a written notice which shall state the name of the person who has received public aid, the name of the town, city or village where such person claims a legal settlement, or, if such place could not, after due diligence, be ascertained, a statement of such fact, and the date on which the first aid or support was furnished. The county clerk shall file such notice in his office, and shall within ten

days after the receipt thereof serve a written notice, containing the information in the notice so received, upon the county clerk of the county in which such person claims a legal settlement, and, if such county is not under the county system of maintaining its poor, the county clerk thereof shall at once forward such notice to the clerk of the town, city or village in which such person claims a legal settlement. The proper authorities of such town, city, village or county, in which such person claims a legal settlement, and until they shall do so, the proper authorities of the county in which such person may be, may take charge of such poor person and relieve him in such other manner as they deem proper. The county clerk of any county which may disallow a claim for expenses so incurred as aforesaid, or any part thereof, shall, within ten days after such disallowance, notify in writing the county clerk of the county making such claim of the action of the county board thereon, and until such notice is received by such county clerk, the ninety days in which an appeal to the circuit court may be taken from such disallowance, as provided in section 683 of the statutes of 1898, shall not begin to run. The mailing, within such ten days, by the proper officer, of any notice herein provided for, in the manner provided by section 2821 of the statutes of 1898, shall be a sufficient service of such notice.

SECTION 2. All acts or parts of acts in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved May 20, 1903.