

CHAPTER 24.

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AN ACT to amend chapter 168 of the general laws of 1867, entitled "an act to amend chapter 39 of the general laws of 1866, entitled 'an act to provide a home for the orphans of the Wisconsin soldiers.'"

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

Amended.

Board of trustees to be guardians of orphan children.

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 168 of the general laws of 1867, entitled "an act to amend chapter 39 of the general laws of 1866, entitled 'an act to provide a home for the orphans of the Wisconsin soldiers,'" is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 2. The board of trustees of the home shall, by virtue of their office as trustees, be the legal guardians of every child who is now or may hereafter become an inmate of the home, and has no parent living within the state nor any guardian duly appointed prior to the time such child was received into the said home; and they shall be authorized to receive all pensions, back pay and bounty due or to become due to any such child, and shall invest the same upon good security and hold it in trust for such child; and they shall also have power, with the assent of the governor, to bind such child for such term and to such useful trade or employment as they shall deem for the best interests of such child.

How and by whom moneys to be held.

SECTION 2. That in every case where the said trustees have received or taken and now hold in trust any moneys or securities belonging to any child who has been or is now an inmate of the said home, and has a guardian duly appointed as aforesaid, or have bound any such child for any purpose and for a term not yet expired, they shall on demand pay over and deliver to the guardian of such child all the moneys and securities so held by them belonging to such child; and every agreement by said trustees binding such child to service or employment is hereby annulled, and such child is hereby declared to be released and discharged from such service or employment, unless such guardian shall in writing assent to and ratify such agreement.

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

Approved February 15, 1868.