

## CHAPTER 145.

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AN ACT to enable certain towns in conjunction with adjacent counties in another state to aid in maintaining a hospital for indigent and other sick persons, and to authorize said towns to levy a tax for such purpose.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any town in this state, acting in conjunction with an adjacent county in another state, to keep and maintain a hospital for the use of indigent and other sick persons of said town and county, and said town may receive all rights, purchases, grants and donations made to and by the association formed or to be formed by said town and county, and by their associate name perpetuate, keep and maintain said hospital, and acting in conjunction with the board of supervisors of said adjacent county in said other states, may make such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the proper conduct of the officers of such association.

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SECTION 2. Said town, at any meeting of its board of supervisors, may appoint three trustees for said association, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and shall annually thereafter appoint one trustee who shall hold his office for three years; said trustees acting in conjunction with three trustees to be appointed by the board of supervisors of said adjacent county in said other state shall, at the annual meeting of the trustees of said association on the ninth day of October, 1873, enter upon their duties as trustees of said association, and the terms of office shall be deemed to commence at the said annual meeting for each year, after the ninth day of October, 1873; the said three trustees acting with the three trustees appointed by the board of supervisors of said adjacent county in said other state shall constitute the board of trustees for said association; the said board of trustees shall elect a president of said association, who shall be a resident of either said town or said county in the other state, and such other officers as shall be required to conduct said hospital, and the officers of the association, who shall hold their offices for one year; they may make all needful by-laws, rules and regulations that shall become necessary to carry out the objects of

May appoint trustees of the association, and amend by-laws.

Trustees may receive grants of land and convey the same.

the association. A majority of the members of the board of supervisors of said town and county may amend any by-law, rule or regulation made by said board of trustees if in their judgment the same is improper or objectionable. Said board of trustees may receive for the use of the hospital any grant of lands and any donation of money, lands or property which may be made for the use of the same, and shall have full control of the same, and of all property belonging to said association, and may grant and convey any lands which may be granted to the same, and which may not be needed for the use of said hospital. All grants of land for the use of said hospital may be made to the trustees of said association formed or to be formed under the laws of this state, or such other state by its corporate name and style, and by that name be conveyed by a deed signed by the president and trustees of said association.

Towns may issue and negotiate bonds to aid in erecting hospitals.

SECTION 3. Every town in this state which has formed or shall form an association for the purpose of establishing a hospital for the care of the indigent and other sick, in conjunction with an adjacent county in another state, is hereby authorized and empowered, by the board of supervisors of such town, to issue and negotiate the bonds of such town to an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars at one time, such bonds not to run over five years, and not to draw over ten per cent. interest per annum, for the purpose of aiding in the erection of suitable buildings for such hospital; and said board may also appropriate a sufficient sum of money to defray the expense of maintaining such hospital, and may levy and collect a tax for the payment of the principal and interest of any bonds of the town issued for that purpose, and for the payment of the appropriation so made, in the same manner as is provided by law for levying and collecting taxes for other town purposes.

Overseers of poor to provide for the indigent.

SECTION 4. The overseers of the poor for such town are hereby authorized to provide for the care of such sick and disabled indigent persons who may become a charge on the poor fund in said town in the hospital of such association, and to defray the expenses of such care out of the poor fund of said town.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 12, 1878.