

CHAPTER 142.

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AN ACT to provide for the better care of paupers and destitute children.

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

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful for any county superintendent or overseer of the poor, or other officer, to send any child over five (5) and under sixteen (16) years of age, as a pauper to any county poor-house of this state, for support and care, unless such child be an unteachable idiot, an epileptic or paralytic, or be otherwise defective, diseased or deformed, so as to render it unfit for family care; but such county superintendent or overseer of the poor or other officer shall provide for their care and support in families, orphan asylums or other appropriate institutions.

How children
of certain age
to be cared for.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the county superintendents of the poor, or other proper officers charged with the support and relief of indigent persons of the several counties in this state, in which there are county poor-houses, to cause the removal of all children between the ages of five (5) and sixteen (16) years, except such child be an unteachable idiot, epileptic, paralytic or be otherwise diseased or deformed so as to render it unfit for family care, from their respective poor houses, and provide for their care and support as provided in section 1, of this act; and the said supervisors of the several counties are hereby required to take such action in the matter as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act as fast as suitable places can be obtained.

Same to be re-
moved from
county poor
houses.

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

Approved March 7, 1876.