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CHAPTER 27.

AN ACT to amend chapter 290, of the laws of 1895, authorizing the establishment of a workhouse by any one, two or more counties within the state, in which to confine certain offenders at hard labor, and prescribing and regulating the punishment for certain offenders.

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

Amending sec. 7, chapter 290, laws of 1895, changing time for visiting workhouse by county committee from twice a month to every sixty days.

SECTION 1. That section 7, of said chapter 290, of the laws of 1895, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "twice a month" where they occur, and by inserting in place thereof the words "once in every sixty days;" so that when so amended said section shall read as follows: Section 7. Such workhouse shall be under the care and management of a superintendent, who shall be annually elected by the county board, and shall hold his office for one year, commencing on the first Monday of January, unless sooner removed by said county board for incompetency, improper conduct or other causes, and who shall receive for his services and the care and maintenance of the persons committed to his charge, an annual salary, to be fixed by the county board, and a committee of three supervisors duly appointed by the chairman of the county board at each November session; said committee to be called "committee on workhouse," who shall from time to time, not less than once in every sixty days, inspect said workhouse and its management, and who shall report to the county board at each session thereof the condition and general welfare, and shall suggest such rules and regulations to govern the same as may be deemed

necessary and proper. Said superintendent shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties as such, give to the county board a bond in such sum as they shall direct with sureties to be approved by them, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the faithful accounting for all moneys which shall come into his hands. In case of any vacancy occurring in the office of superintendent, such vacancy shall be filled by such committee until the next session of the county board, to be by them approved for the residue of the term.

SECTION 2. That section 20, of said chapter 290, of the laws of 1895, be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "on discretion of the court," and changing the word "may" into "shall," so that when so amended said section shall read: Section 20. From and after the passage and publication of this act all sentences to imprisonment within county jails of counties interested in an established workhouse, under the provisions of this act, shall be made to be executed at such workhouse; and for this purpose the said workhouse is hereby declared to be a part of the county jail of each of said adjoining counties which makes use of the authority granted them herewith.

Amending section 20 of said chapter and making all sentences of imprisonment to be executed at workhouse imperative.

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

Approved March 10, 1897.