

When act to take effect.

SEC. 8. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1876.

CHAPTER LXXVIII.

AN ACT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS OF INSANE PERSONS IN CERTAIN CASES.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That whenever any person now is, or hereafter may be, a patient in the hospital for the insane in this state, and it shall appear to the satisfaction of the superintendent of such hospital that such patient is incurable, that he has property within this state, that he has no wife or children who would be dependent upon him for support if sane, and that he has no guardian, it shall be the duty of such superintendent to apply to the probate court of the county in which such hospital is situated, for the appointment of a guardian of the person and estate of such insane person, and the court upon such application shall proceed to the appointment of a guardian of such insane person in the same manner as is or may be provided for the appointment of guardians of the person and estate of minors. Such guardian, when appointed, shall have and exercise the same powers and duties as are or may be by law conferred upon guardians of minors, and may sell any real or personal estate, the property of such insane person, in the same manner and for the same purposes as is or may be provided for the sale, by guardians of minors, of the real or personal estate of their wards, except that such sale shall be made in the county where such estate is situated, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid into the treasury of the state, for the use and benefit of such insane persons, and shall be applied to his use and support in such hospital, and upon his discharge therefrom, the residue, if any, of such proceeds, shall be paid to him or his guardian, and if such insane person dies in such hospital, then such residue shall be paid to his legal representatives.

Guardians—
their powers and
duties.

Property of in-
sane person.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after its passage.

Approved March 2, 1876.