CHAPTER LVII.

An Act in Relation to Orphan Children.

SECTION 1.

Duty of Trustees of any home or asylum. In case of neglect of a father to provide for his family, who to be deemed the legal guardian of his children. Act, when to take effect. 2.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of any incorporated home or asylum for orphanizer trustees children, when a child shall have been surrendered to of any home or the charge and direction of the said trustees, by an instru-asylum ment in writing signed by the parent or guardian of such child, in their discretion to bind out such child to some suitable employment, in the same manner as overscers of the poor are by law authorized to bind out poor and indigent children; but proper provisions shall in every case be made and inserted in the indentures, by which such child shall be bound to service, for securing an education proper and fitting for the condition and circumstances in life of such child.

SEC. 2. In case of death or legal incapacity of a father, or his abandoning or neglecting to provide for his family, the mother shall be deemed the legal guardian of In case of negher children, for the purpose of making a surrender of father, who to be deemthem to the charge and custody of the trustees of the ed guardian of said corporation; and in all cases where it is not known his children that there is within the State any person legally authorized to act in the premises, the mayor of the city of Saint Paul shall, ex officio, be the legal guardian for the like purpose, in behalf of any children received into the incorporated orphans' home or asylums now existing in the county of Ramsey, and such guardianship shall extend as well to children already in the said asylum, as to those who may hereafter be offered for admission or received therein; and in either case, whether such surrender be made by the mother or by the mayor of the said city, or whether before or after admission into the said asylum,

it shall be deemed a legal surrender for the purposes, and within the true intent and meaning of the foregoing section.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 8th, A. D. 1861.

CHAPTER LVIII.

An Act Entitled an Act to Appropriate Money for the Support of the State Government for the Year Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-One, and for other 1'urposes therein numed.

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