

CHAPTER LXXI.

An Act to provide instruction for the deaf and dumb and the blind of this State, and to appropriate money therefor.

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Beit enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. The sum of four thousand one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the support and instruction of the deaf mutes and blind of this State, and for the payment of expenses incident thereto.

Appropriation—for what purpose

SEC. 2. The expenditure of the foregoing appropriation is hereby put in charge of the Minnesota State Institute for the education of the deaf and dumb, heretofore established and located by law.

Disposition of appropriation

SEC. 3. Said institution shall hereafter be controlled by a board of five directors. The Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be two of the members of said board ex officio, and the remaining three shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, and thereafter at the expiration of the respective terms one director shall be appointed

To be under control of board of directors—of whom to consist—how appointed—term of office—vacancies how filled

for a term of three years, and said directors so appointed shall hold their offices during their respective terms, and until their successors shall be appointed. All vacancies in the office of said three last named directors shall be filled by appointment in like manner, as aforesaid.

Annual election
for officers

SEC. 4. Said board of directors shall annually elect from their own number a president, secretary and treasurer.

Duty of board

SEC. 5. Said directors shall have the general supervision of said institution, shall prescribe rules for the government and management thereof, and generally perform all acts necessary to render the institution efficient for the purposes for which the same is established, to wit: the relief and instruction of the deaf mutes of this State, and shall also provide instruction for the blind, when it shall become necessary. Three of said directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Duty of treasurer

SEC. 6. The treasurer shall safely keep and faithfully disburse all moneys belonging to or entrusted to said institution, shall perform the duties of steward, as defined by said board, shall render an exact and detailed account of expenditures on the first day of December, in each year, to said board, and whenever said board may require, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the directors, all according to the rules and regulations established by said board; and shall receive for his services a compensation to be fixed by said board, not exceeding one hundred dollars per year.

Compensation of
board

SEC. 7. No one of said directors, except said treasurer, shall receive any compensation for his services, but may be allowed reasonable traveling expenses incurred in attending the meetings of said board.

Treasurer to give
bond—in what
sum

SEC. 8. Said treasurer shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give bond, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Governor, in the sum of eight thousand dollars, payable to the State of Minnesota, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as treasurer, which bond shall be deposited with the Secretary of State.

SEC. 9. Any moneys now or hereafter appropriated

or entrusted to said institution may be drawn from the State treasury at any time, upon the order of the board of directors, and the presentation of proper vouchers to the State Auditor.

Moneys how drawn

SEC. 10. All deaf and dumb persons and all blind persons residing in this State, and of suitable age and capacity to receive instruction, shall be received and instructed in said institution, free of charge.

All mutes and blind persons to be instructed free of charge

SEC. 11. Said directors shall, on or before the 5th day of December, in each year, transmit to the Governor a report which shall contain an account of their doings and of the condition and progress of the institution, together with their treasurer's report, and such suggestions as they may deem best. The Governor shall cause two hundred copies of the same to be printed, bound, and, laid before the legislature in the same manner as is provided in case of the reports of State officers and three hundred copies to be printed and bound in like manner for the use of said institution.

Board to make report—when—what to contain

SEC. 12. An act entitled an act for the location and establishment of the Minnesota State Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, the same being found on pages 355, 356 and 357 of the public statutes is hereby repealed, with the exception of the first section thereof.

Repeal of former act

SEC. 13. The commissioners appointed under an act entitled "an act to provide temporary relief and instruction for the indigent blind and indigent deaf mutes of the State," approved March 4, 1863, are hereby directed to turn over the business therein entrusted to them, together with the property held by them under that act, to the institution aforesaid.

Duty of commissioner appointed under former act

SEC. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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