

## CHAPTER VII.

*An Act entitled an act to consolidate the various acts relating to the Minnesota State Reform School, and to amend the same.*

March 3, 1870.

- SECTION 1.** State Reform School to be conducted by Board of Managers—what to constitute a quorum—how and when Board appointed—term of office—vacancy in Board how filled—compensation.
- 2.** Managers to provide necessary buildings and grounds, and establish necessary regulations for government.
- 3.** Board of Managers to receive, to the extent of their accommodations, all infants under their care and guardianship, males under the age of sixteen and females under the age of fifteen, in the following manner:
- 1.** Infants committed by Justices of the Peace on complaint by parent or guardian, by reason of vicious or incorrigible conduct.
  - 2.** When complaint is made by parent or guardian in consequence of vagrancy or vicious conduct, and when parent is incapable of exercising proper care and discipline over such infant.
  - 3.** Infants who shall be committed as vagrants or upon criminal charge duly convicted—Board may at their discretion bind out said children as apprentices to such persons as will tend to their future benefit and advantage.
- 4.** Committing Justice to annex to commitment the testimony, with the names and residences of witnesses.
- 5.** Defines the persons whose duty it shall be to execute the warrant of commitment, and designates what fees they shall receive.
- 6.** Children to be maintained at expense of county from which they came—the accounts to be kept in an intelligible and proper manner.
- 7.** Managers may make by-laws and regulations for proper government of children while in said Reform School—may appoint officers and designate their duties and salaries—to lay reports before Legislature on the first day of each session—what report to contain.
- 8.** Persons committed to be allowed in all cases of sickness spiritual consolation from any clergyman of church to which such inmates belong.
- 9.** Grounds and buildings to be exempt from taxation.
- 10.** No person whatever to open or construct any road through grounds without the consent of the Managers.
- 11.** Repeal of inconsistent acts.
- 12.** When act to take effect.

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

Who to conduct  
reform school—  
quorum—board—  
how appointed—  
term of office—  
vacancy how fill-  
ed—pay.

SECTION 1. That the Minnesota State Reform School shall be managed and conducted on behalf of the state and as a state institution, by a board of four managers, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. That the persons now constituting said board shall continue to serve as managers for the term for which they were respectively appointed, and on the second Monday of January of each and every year hereafter the governor of this state shall appoint one competent person to serve as manager in said board for four years; and within twenty days after such annual appointment, the governor shall designate one of said managers to act as president of said board for the period of one year, and until his successor shall be designated; and the governor shall duly notify said board of such appointment at their first regular meeting thereafter; and the said managers shall always, at their first regular meeting after the appointment of their president, elect, by a plurality of votes, such other officers of the said board as may be deemed by them expedient; and whenever any vacancy shall occur in said board by death, resignation, or otherwise, the governor shall fill the same by appointment, and the appointee shall hold only for the unexpired term of the person whose place he is appointed to fill. The managers in said board shall in all cases hold over after the expiration of the term for which they shall have been respectively appointed, until their successors respectively shall have been appointed and qualified. No member of the board of managers shall receive any compensation for his services.

To provide build-  
ings and estab-  
lish rules for  
government.

SEC. 2. That the board of managers shall keep said institution provided with suitable buildings and grounds in the county of Ramsey, and shall establish such regulations respecting the religious and moral education, training, employment, discipline, and safe keeping of its inhabitants as may be deemed expedient and proper.

Who to be re-  
ceived in the  
reform school.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the board of managers to receive, to the extent of the means placed at their disposal, and of the accommodations afforded by the buildings and grounds belonging to said school, all infants under their care and guardianship, and the same to keep during their minority, or until discharged under the rules of said board; males under the age of sixteen years, and

females under the age of fifteen years, committed to said school, in any of the following modes, to-wit :

*First*—Infants committed by a justice of the peace, on the complaint and due proof thereof, by the parent, guardian or next friend of said infant, that by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct, such infant has rendered his or her control beyond the power of parent, guardian or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite that from regard to the morals and future welfare of such infant, he or she should be placed under the guardianship of the managers of the Minnesota State Reform School.

Committed on complaint of parent or guardian for vicious conduct.

*Second*—Infants committed by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made that such infant is a proper subject for the guardianship of the managers of the said Minnesota State Reform School, in consequence of vagrancy, or incorrigibly vicious conduct, and that from the moral depravity or other insuperable obstacle, on the part of the parent, guardian, or next friend, in whose custody such infant may be, such parent, guardian or next friend is incapable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible and vicious infant.

When incapable of exercising proper care over infants committed for vagrancy.

*Third*—Infants who shall be taken and committed as vagrants, or upon any criminal charge, or duly convicted of any criminal offenses, such as in the judgment of the court before which such conviction may be had, may be deemed proper reasons for such commitment; and the said managers shall have the power to place the said children committed to their care during their minority, at such employment, and cause them to be instructed in such branches of useful knowledge as may be suitable to their years and capacities; and they shall have the power at their discretion to bind out the said children, with their consent, as apprentices for the period of their minority, to such persons and at such places, to learn such trades and employments as, in the judgment of the said managers, will be most conducive to their reformation and amendment, and will tend to the future benefit and advantage of such children.

Board may bind out such children committed on criminal charge.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of any justice of the peace, committing a vagrant, or incorrigible, or vicious infant, as aforesaid, in addition to the adjudication required by the third section of this act, to annex to the commitment the names and residences of the different witnesses

Duty of committing justice.

examined before him, and the testimony given by them respectively, on which the said adjudication was founded.

Who to execute  
warrant—fees.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the sheriff or any constable of the respective counties, or in case of their absence, of any suitable person appointed by the court for such purpose, to convey any infant committed as aforesaid, to said school, and justices of the peace and constables and sheriffs performing services under this act shall be paid the same fees as are allowed for similar services in criminal cases, and the officer conveying any infant committed, as aforesaid, to said school, shall receive therefor the same compensation as is allowed for the conveyance of prisoners to the state prison; such fees and compensation to be paid out of the treasury of the county from which such infant was committed.

Expenses how  
paid—how ac-  
counts to be kept.

SEC. 6. That the children received by said managers, under the conviction of any court within this state, shall be clothed, maintained and instructed by the said managers, at the public expense of the proper county from which they came; and the accounts of said children shall be kept by the managers in an intelligible and proper manner.

Power and duties  
of managers—to  
report to legisla-  
ture—what re-  
port to contain.

SEC. 7. That the said managers may, from time to time, make by-laws, ordinances and regulations relative to the management, government, instruction, discipline, employment and disposition of the said children, while in the said reform school, as they deem proper, (the same being not contrary to law) and may appoint such officers, agents and servants as they may consider necessary to transact the business of said school, and may designate their duties and salaries. And further, the said managers shall annually lay before the legislature of the State, on the first day of each session thereof, a report setting forth the number of children received into the said school, the disposition which shall have been made of them by instructing them, or employing them therein, or by binding them out as apprentices; the receipts and expenditures of said managers, and generally all such facts and particulars as may tend to exhibit the effects, whether beneficial or otherwise, of the said institution.

Spiritual consol-  
ation granted to  
all inmates who  
desire it.

SEC. 8. That all persons committed to the Minnesota State Reform School, shall be allowed in all cases of sickness, spiritual advice and spiritual ministrations from any recognized clergyman of the denomination or church to which said inmates may respectively belong; such advice

and ministrations to be given within sight of the person or persons having charge of such inmates; but if the sick person or persons seeking it, desire religious consolation out of hearing of any officer of said institution, they, in such case, shall not be debarred the right by any rule of said school.

SEC. 9. That the grounds and buildings erected thereon, for the use of the said school, shall be exempt from taxation. Property exempt from taxation.

SEC. 10. That no person or persons, corporation or body politic, shall be permitted to open, lay out, or construct any road or highway, either public or private, under any pretence whatever, upon or through any ground owned and occupied by said school, without the consent of the managers thereof. No roads to pass through grounds without consent of managers.

SEC. 11. All acts or parts of acts heretofore passed for the incorporation of the said Minnesota State Reform School, and all acts amendatory thereto, not necessary to carry out any provisions of this act, nor contained in, or incorporated herein, and all acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed. Repeal of inconsistent acts.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. When act to take effect.

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