

## CHAPTER 127.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
AND CHARITIES FOR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint six (6) persons, not more than three (3) of whom shall be from the same political party, who shall constitute a State Board of Corrections and Charities, to serve without compensation, their traveling expenses only being defrayed by the state; two (2) of whom, as indicated by the Governor upon their appointment, shall serve for one (1) year, two (2) for two (2) years, and two (2) for three (3) years; and upon the expiration of the term of each, his place, and that of his successor, shall, in like manner, be filled for the term of three (3) years. The Governor shall be ex-officio a member of said board and the president thereof. Appointments to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal before the expiration of such terms, may be made for the residue of terms in the same manner as original appointments.

State Board of  
Corrections and  
Charities—how  
appointed.

SEC. 2. The State Board of Corrections and Charities shall be provided with a suitable room in the state house. Regular meetings of the board shall be held quarterly, or oftener if required. They may make such rules and orders for the regulation of their own proceedings as they may deem necessary. They shall investigate the whole system of public charities and correctional institutions of the state, examine into the condition and management thereof, especially of prisons, jails, infirmaries, public hospitals, and asylums; and the officers in charge of all such institutions shall furnish to the board, on their request, such information and statistics as they may require; and to secure accuracy, uniformity and completeness in such statistics, the board may prescribe such forms of report and registration as they may deem essential; and all plans for new jails and infirmaries shall, before the adoption of the same by the county authorities, be submitted to said board for suggestion and criticism. The Governor, in his discretion, may, at any time, order an investigation by the board, or by a committee of its members, of the management of any penal reformatory or charitable institution of the state; and said board, or committee, in making any such investigation, shall have power to send for persons and papers, and to administer oaths and affirmations; and the report of such investigation, with the testimony, shall be made to the Governor, and shall be submitted by him, with his suggestions, to the legislature.

Meetings to be  
held quarterly—  
duties of board.

Governor may  
order investiga-  
tion.

Secretary.

SEC. 3. The said board may appoint a secretary, who shall be paid for his services, in addition to his traveling expenses, an annual salary of not to exceed twelve hundred dollars (\$12,000), as may be agreed upon by the board. All accounts and expenditures shall be certified, as may be provided by the board, and shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon an order from the Auditor of State.

Board to make  
biennial reports

SEC. 4. The State Board of Corrections and Charities shall, every two (2) years, make a full report of all their doings during that period, stating in detail all expenses incurred, and showing the actual condition of all the state and county institutions, and making such suggestions as they may deem advisable; of which report one thousand (1,000) copies shall be printed for the use of the legislature, and five hundred (500) copies for the use of the board.

SEC. 5. Whenever the Governor shall deem it advisable and expedient to obtain information in respect to the condition and practicable workings of charitable, penal, pauper and reformatory institutions in other states, he may authorize and designate any member of said board, or the secretary thereof, to visit such institutions in operation in other states; and by personal inspection to carefully observe and report to said board on all such matters relating to the conduct and management thereof as may be deemed to be interesting, useful, and of value to be understood in the government and discipline of similar institutions in this state.

SEC. 6. No member of said board, or their secretary, shall be either directly or indirectly interested in any contract for building, repairing, or furnishing any institution, poor house or jail which by this act they are authorized to visit and inspect; nor shall any officer of such institution, jail, or poor house be eligible to appointment on the board hereby created.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 2, 1883.