

Corporations limited as to ownership of lands.

SEC. 3. That no corporation other than those organized for the construction or operation of railways, canals, or turnpikes, shall acquire, hold or own, over five thousand (5,000) acres of land, so hereafter acquired in this state; and no railroad, canal or turnpike corporation shall hereafter acquire, hold or own lands so hereafter acquired in this state other than as may be necessary for the proper operation of its railroad, canal or turnpike, except such lands as may have been granted to it by act of congress, or of the legislature of this state.

Lands forfeited.

SEC. 4. That all property acquired, held or owned in violation of the provisions of this act, shall be forfeited to this state, and it shall be the duty of the attorney general of the state to enforce every such forfeiture by due process of law.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first (1st) day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887).

Approved March 2nd, 1887.

## CHAPTER 205.

[S. F. No. 624.]

### AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF THE MINNESOTA INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF, THE BLIND AND THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

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

Change of name.

SECTION 1. That the institution heretofore established at Faribault, Minnesota, for the education of the deaf, dumb and blind and styled "The Minnesota Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute" shall hereafter be known and designated as "The Minnesota Institute for Defectives." It shall be located at Faribault and shall consist of three departments, to wit:

The School for the Deaf,  
The School for the Blind,  
The School for the Feeble-minded.

Board of directors.

SEC. 2. Said institute shall be controlled by a board of five (5) directors together with the governor and superintendent of public instruction who shall be ex-officio members of said board, such directors shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate for the term of five (5) years each and until their succes-

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sors are appointed and qualified; *Provided*, that the present members shall serve for the full term for which they were respectively appointed. All vacancies occurring in said board shall be filled by appointment in like manner as aforesaid to fill the unexpired term.

SEC. 3. Said board of directors shall annually elect from their number a president, treasurer and secretary who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen and qualified and they shall annually elect a steward whose compensation shall be fixed by the said board. Three (3) of said directors shall constitute a quorum and they shall hold monthly meetings for the transaction of business.

Officers—  
terms.

SEC. 4. Said directors shall have the general management and supervision of said institute, shall prescribe all rules and regulations for the government thereof and the admission of pupils thereto and generally perform all acts necessary to render the institute efficient for the purposes for which the same is established, to wit: the relief and instruction of the deaf, the blind, the feeble-minded and for the care and custody of the epileptic and idiotic of the state and they may introduce and establish such trades and manual industries as in their judgment will best train their pupils for future self-support.

Directors to  
have general  
management.

SEC. 5. Said board of directors shall appoint competent superintendents of said several departments to hold their offices during the pleasure of the board. Such superintendents shall name all the subordinate officers of their several departments, and such nominations shall be confirmed or rejected by the board.

Superintendents.

SEC. 6. All deaf persons, all blind persons, and all feeble-minded persons residents of this state, who in the opinion of the several superintendents are of suitable age and capacity to receive instruction in these schools and whose defects prevent them from receiving proper training in the public schools of the state, and all idiotic and epileptic persons residents of the state, may be admitted to their respective departments and receive the benefit of this institute free of charge subject to such rules and regulations as may be made by the board of directors, and they shall be provided by their friends, relatives or the county from which they came, sufficient funds to furnish them with proper clothing, postage and transportation.

Whom to be  
admitted.

SEC. 7. All indigent and destitute persons, who are proper subjects for this institute and those who have no parents friends or guardians known to the authorities of their respective counties able to provide for them, are hereby made a charge upon the several counties in which they reside, for the sum fixed by the said board for the postage, clothing and transportation of such persons not to exceed for each the sum of forty (40) dollars annually, which

Inmates—  
whom are a  
proper charge  
upon counties.

facts of destitution and indigence shall be established *prima facie* by the certificate thereof of the judge of probate of the county where such persons respectively reside, and upon the presentation of a certificate of the superintendent attested by the secretary of the board to the auditor of any county, that such destitute or indigent person is a regular and proper inmate of his department of this institute from such county and of the sum fixed by the board as a condition of admission said auditor shall draw his order on the treasurer of his county in favor of such superintendent for such sum of money as has been fixed as aforesaid by the board as a condition of the admission to this institute, not to exceed the sum of forty (40) dollars, and annually thereafter on or before the first (1) day of October of each year, upon receipt of the report of the superintendent as to the condition of such fund he shall draw his further order upon the treasurer of his county for such sum which added to the balance in the hands of said superintendent shall equal the sum so fixed by the board of directors, so long as such person shall remain at said institute, and the county treasurer upon whom such order is drawn shall pay the same upon presentation, and the said superintendent shall use the said fund only in supplying said inmate with proper clothing, postage and transportation, and shall keep and render annually on the first (1) day of August to the board of directors and to such county auditors a strict and detailed account thereof.

Bonds of treasurer.

SEC. 8. The treasurer elect of the board shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give a bond in an amount and executed in the manner prescribed by chapter one hundred and thirty-one (131) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-three 1883, or other laws of this state, and shall safely keep and faithfully disburse all moneys coming into his hands for the use of said institute, shall keep separate accounts with all general and special funds appropriated for said institute and render an exact and detailed account of each and all expenditures whenever the said board shall require, and shall receive such compensation for his services as said board shall fix not to exceed one hundred (\$100) dollars per annum. The secretary shall perform such services consistent with his office as said board shall require, and shall receive for such services a sum not exceeding three hundred (300) dollars per annum.

SEC. 9. The board of directors shall take and hold in trust for said institute all lands or other property granted, given, devised or conveyed to the Minnesota deaf, dumb and blind institute, or hereafter to be granted, given, devised or conveyed to this Minnesota institute for defectives to be applied and used at Faribault aforesaid, and any moneys now or hereafter appropriated or intrusted to said

Board to hold lands in trust.

institute may be drawn at any time from the state treasury upon the order of the board of directors and the presentation of proper vouchers to the state auditor.

SEC. 10. On or before the first (1st) day of November of each year and oftener, if required, the several superintendents, steward and treasurer shall render to the board of directors full and complete reports of their several lines of work accompanied by such recommendations as may seem to them wise and proper and biennially on or before the first (1st) day of December preceding the regular sessions of the legislature the said board of directors shall furnish the governor a printed report of said institute for the two years ending on the preceding July 31st. Said report shall contain a full history of the several schools of the institute with reports of the superintendents and other officers of the institute such as is common from like institutions in the country. It shall contain a complete statement of the accounts with all the funds general and special appropriated or belonging to said institute with a detailed statement of disbursements. The state authorities shall print and deliver to the proper officers for the use of the legislature and state officers five (5) copies for each and shall deliver to the officers of said institute the number estimated by them to be necessary for the use thereof not to exceed five (5) for each member enrolled therein.

Officers to report to board.

SEC. 11. Title two (2) of chapter thirty-five (35) of the general statutes one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), chapter one hundred and forty-five (145) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, saving and excepting all rights that have accrued thereunder.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

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

When act to take effect.

Approved March 3d, 1887.