plaintiff the value of the property returned to him, which value shall in such case be ascertained and determined by the court, and interest thereon and the costs of the action, and of the traverse; and if the plaintiff shall be appellant, to the effect that if the finding of the justice upon the traverse be affirmed, or if judgment be rendered on the appeal against the plaintiff, he will pay to the defendant the value of the property attached, to be ascertained and determined by the court, and interest thereon, and all damages and costs assessed and taxed against him by reason of the attachment.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 11, 1885.

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## CHAPTER 425.

## AN ACT to forbid the contract system in poor houses and asylums.

## The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Contract system prohibited.

SECTION 1. What is commonly known as the contract system of maintaining paupers, insane and idiots in poorhouses or asylums, is hereby forbidden, and no person shall contract with any town, village, city or county to carry on a poorhouse or asylum and furnish the inmates board at a given rate for each inmate; provided, however, that existing contracts shall not be annulled by this act; and, provided further, that the provisions of this act shall apply only to those counties, cities or towns that own and operate a poor farm. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication. Approved April 11, 1885.