

statutes as amended by chapter 318, of the laws of 1882.

Legalizing acts  
of grantees.

SECTION 2. The dam authorized to be built and maintained by section 1, of this act, is the same dam built by Francis Biron, deceased, about the year 1854, and since maintained by George S. Biron and Laura Biron, and those under whom they claim, and the building and maintaining of said dam to the present time is hereby validated and legalized.

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reserved.

SECTION 3. The legislature may at any time amend or repeal this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.  
Approved April 1, 1889.

[No. 265, S.]

[Published April 4, 1889.]

## CHAPTER 237.

AN ACT relating to the confinement of certain insane, incompetent and imbecile persons.

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

Confinement of  
insane, incom-  
petent or imbe-  
cile person  
addicted to  
lewd, lascivious  
or indecent  
conduct or  
practices, peti-  
tion what to  
state, duty of  
county court.

SECTION 1. Whenever a guardian or friend of any insane, incompetent or imbecile person residing in this state shall present to the county court of the county wherein such insane, incompetent or imbecile person resides, his duly verified petition setting forth that such insane, incompetent or imbecile person is addicted to any lewd, lascivious or indecent conduct or behavior, or that any person or persons of the sex opposite to that of such insane, incompetent or imbecile person is or are accustomed to visit such insane, incompetent or imbecile person for immoral purposes, and praying that such insane, incompetent or imbecile person be confined in some suitable place, such county court shall make an order appointing a time and place for hearing such petition, which time shall not be less than ten or more than twenty days after the presenting of such

petition in such court, and commanding the sheriff of such county to apprehend and bring such insane, incompetent or imbecile person before such county court at the time and place appointed for such hearing. Before hearing such petition such county court shall appoint a disinterested attorney at law, guardian ad litem, to represent such insane, incompetent or imbecile person upon such hearing. At the time and place appointed in such order for such hearing such county court shall hear said petition, summarily and shall cause the evidence given upon such hearing to be reduced to writing.

SECTION 2. If, after a full hearing and examination upon such petition it shall appear to such county court that such insane, incompetent or imbecile person is addicted to any lewd, lascivious or indecent conduct or behavior, or that any person or persons of the sex opposite to that of such insane, incompetent or imbecile person is or are accustomed to visit such insane, incompetent or imbecile person for immoral purposes, and that the welfare of such insane, incompetent or imbecile person requires that he or she be kept in close custody, such county court shall make and cause to be delivered to the superintendent of the county asylum for the chronic insane of such county, an order in writing requiring him forthwith to take and confine such insane, incompetent or imbecile person in such asylum. And in case there is no county asylum for the chronic insane in such county, then the county court shall make a similar order to the superintendent of the county asylum for the chronic insane in such other county as shall be designated by the state board of charities and reform, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 168, of the laws of 1885.

SECTION 3. Such insane, incompetent or imbecile person shall be subject to the directions of such county court and shall receive such care, attention and treatment as such county court shall deem proper and necessary.

SECTION 4. All expenses incurred in the confining, taking care of and maintaining such insane, incompetent or imbecile person, when properly certified to by the county judge of such county, shall be paid out of the estate of the person so

Court to make order of commitment to county asylum, duty of superintendent.

When board of Charities and Reform to designate asylum.

Confined person to be subject to directions of county court.

Expenses incurred hereunder, when to be paid out of estate of person.

confined and maintained so long as such estate is sufficient to pay the same.

When to be paid by county.

SECTION 5. In case such insane, incompetent or imbecile person so confined, shall not have any estate sufficient for such purpose, then in such case, all expenses incurred in confining, taking care of and maintaining him or her when properly certified to by the county judge of such county, shall be audited by the county board and paid out of the county treasury.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.  
Approved April 1, 1889.

[No. 225, S.]

[Published April 3, 1889.]

## CHAPTER 238.

AN ACT to amend section 4378, of revised statutes, relating to punishment for assault and robbing.

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

Amending sec. 4378, revised statutes, punishment for assault and robbery.

SECTION 1. Section 4378 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 4378. Any person who shall, by force and violence, or by assault and putting in fear, feloniously rob, steal and take from the person of another any money or other property, which may be the subject of larceny, such robber, not being armed with a dangerous weapon, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than seven years nor less than one year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.  
Approved April 1, 1889.