

of each blank used in transacting their business, and it shall be the duty of the commissioner of insurance to properly file and preserve the same in his office.

All forms of policies to be submitted to insurance commissioners, after July 1.

SECTION 2. On and after July 1st, 1895, none of said insurance companies or their officers shall make, execute or deliver any policy or contract of insurance until the blank form for the same shall have been submitted to and duly approved by the commissioner of insurance of this state; provided, that chapter 195, of the laws of 1891, providing for a standard policy, shall not apply to the companies herein referred to.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 290.

AN ACT to authorize the establishing of a workhouse by any one, two or more counties within the state, in which to confine certain offenders at hard labor, and prescribing and regulating the punishment for certain offenders.

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

Counties may establish a workhouse.

SECTION 1. Authority is hereby conferred upon, and powers in conformity therewith granted to any one, two or more counties in the state, singly or jointly, to establish, erect and maintain for the uses and purposes hereinafter specified, an institution called a workhouse.

SECTION 2. Every male person over sixteen years of age who shall be convicted by any

court or magistrate within a county which wholly or partially maintains a workhouse on the charge of vagrancy, vagabondage, petty larceny, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, or shall be convicted of violating any of the provisions of chapter 470, laws of 1887, and acts amendatory thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than one hundred dollars and on default of payment thereof, by imprisonment in the workhouse at hard manual labor not to exceed thirty days for the first offense known to or brought to the notice of any justice of the peace, magistrate or judge of any court, and for the second or any subsequent conviction of any offender, upon default of payment of any fine imposed, he shall stand committed to such workhouse at hard manual labor not to exceed six months.

Candidates and qualifications for admission to workhouse.

SECTION 3. All persons committed to such workhouse shall be employed at hard manual labor for not to exceed ten hours each day of such term of confinement (except Sundays), at such work, labor or employment under the supervision of the superintendent, as provided by the commission or committee appointed by the respective county boards, or as may be provided by resolution of each county board; and the product of such labor and employment shall be the property of and owned by the counties that may erect and maintain the workhouse; and such product may be sold by the superintendent according to the rules and regulations provided for the sale thereof by the commissioners, committee or county board.

Employment of persons in workhouse.

SECTION 4. No tobacco, liquor or other intoxicating beverage shall be furnished to or used by any person committed to the workhouse during his confinement therein.

Tobacco and intoxicants prohibited.

SECTION 5. Any person duly committed to the workhouse of sufficient ability and who shall refuse to work diligently, may be punished by being placed in solitary confinement, in the discretion of the superintendent, not to exceed ten days for each refusal to work diligently, and shall receive bread and water only during said solitary confinement.

Person may be placed in solitary confinement.

WORKHOUSE MAINTAINED BY ONE COUNTY.

May be main-
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county.

SECTION 6. The county board of any one county may, by a majority vote of the county board at any general or special meeting thereof, provide for the establishment, erection and maintenance within such county of a workhouse, the site of which shall comprise not less than one nor more than forty acres of land.

Care and man-
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workhouse.

SECTION 7. Such workhouse shall be under the care and management of a superintendent, who shall be annually elected by the county board, and shall hold his office for one year, commencing on the first Monday of January, unless sooner removed by said county board for incompetency, improper conduct or other causes, and who shall receive for his services and the care and maintenance of the persons committed to his charge, an annual salary, to be fixed by the county board, and a committee of three supervisors duly appointed by the chairman of the county board at each November session; said committee to be called "committee on workhouse," who shall from time to time not less than twice each month, inspect said workhouse and its management, and who shall report to the county board at each session thereof the condition and general welfare, and shall suggest such rules and regulations to govern the same as may be deemed necessary and proper. Said superintendent shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties as such, give to the county board a bond in such sum as they shall direct with sureties to be approved by them, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for the faithful accounting for all moneys which shall come into his hands. In case of any vacancy occurring in the office of superintendent such vacancy shall be filled by such committee until the next session of the county board, to be by them approved for the residue of the term.

SECTION 8. The county board is empowered to select and purchase a site for such workhouse, to advertise for and adopt plans and spec-

ifications and to advertise for bids and let the contract for the erection and completion of said workhouse and necessary outbuildings, and to purchase necessary furniture and fixtures therefor, but the amount to be expended for a site and buildings shall not exceed ten thousand dollars. And for such purposes the county board is hereby authorized to borrow from time to time on the credit of the county, such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary, and issue its corporate bonds therefor payable at such time or times as they shall direct within twenty years from date. And they are hereby authorized and required to levy and collect on all of the taxable property within said county a tax sufficient to pay the expense of maintaining such workhouse and to pay the principal and interest on such bonds as the same become due.

County board may purchase suitable site, construct buildings and furnish them.

SECTION 9. The county board shall from time to time make such rules and regulations for the discipline, operation, support and maintenance of said workhouse as they shall deem fit and proper, and prescribe the duties of the superintendent.

County board to make rules for governing.

SECTION 10. Upon the completion of such workhouse the county clerk shall notify each justice of the peace, magistrate and the judges of each court of said county thereof in writing.

County clerk to notify magistrates on completion of building.

SECTION 11. Any officer receiving the commitment of any prisoner upon a sentence to the workhouse shall convey such prisoner to the workhouse as soon as may be after such conviction and sentence and such officer shall receive as fees ten cents per mile going and returning. But such officer shall not be entitled to more than one fee as herein prescribed for any one trip, which fees so prescribed shall be in lieu of all compensation in each case for such services.

Officer to convey person to workhouse.

WORKHOUSE MAINTAINED BY TWO OR MORE COUNTIES.

SECTION 12. The county boards of two or more counties may, by a majority vote of each

More than one county may jointly provide a workhouse.

Commission to elect a superintendent to manage the workhouse.

Annual salary of superintendent to be fixed by the commission.

of the county boards of such counties, provide for the establishment, erection and maintenance of a workhouse, the site of which shall comprise not less than one nor more than forty acres of land. The location of said workhouse shall be determined by commissioners, elected by the several county boards of the counties, who shall have voted to unite for such establishment, and said workhouse shall be located by them at their first annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, at such place within any one of said counties so united as shall be most suitable and accessible for such purpose.

SECTION 13. Such workhouse shall be under the care and management of a superintendent, who shall be annually elected by a commission, consisting, in case of two counties participating, of four supervisors, two from each county, duly elected by the county board of each county so interested, at the next November session, any adjourned meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose by a majority of the members of the county boards of each county interested; when more than two counties unite in such action, the commission shall consist of one supervisor from each county, duly elected as heretofore mentioned in case but two counties unite. Such commissioners shall at their first meeting elect a chairman and a clerk.

SECTION 14. Such superintendent, elected by said commission aforesaid, shall receive for his services and the care and maintenance of the persons committed to his charge, an annual salary to be fixed by said commissioners, and shall hold his office for the term of one year, commencing on the first Monday of January, succeeding his appointment, unless sooner removed by said commissioners for incompetency, improper conduct or any other cause satisfactory to said commissioners. In case of any vacancy occurring in the office of superintendent from any cause, such vacancy may be filled by appointment as aforesaid, for the residue of the term. Said superintendent shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, as such,

give to the commissioners a bond in such sum as the commissioners shall direct, with sureties to be approved by them, conditioned that he will faithfully execute the duties of his office and comply on his part with all such regulations, rules and by-laws as shall be prescribed or established by said commissioners for the government, management and discipline of said workhouse, and of the persons who may be confined therein. The superintendent shall have the charge and control of said workhouse and of the persons confined therein, subject to such rules, by-laws and regulations as may be prescribed by said commissioners. He shall appoint and be responsible for the acts of all necessary assistants under him, subject to the powers of said commissioners to prescribe the number of such assistants and the duties to be performed by them. The salary and compensation of said superintendent and all assistants appointed by him shall be paid upon an order issued by the chairman of said board of commissioners, out of a fund for that purpose previously created, at such times as said commissioners shall direct; and said commissioners shall also have the power to fix the compensation to be paid to all such assistants. The members of the first board so elected shall constitute a construction committee. They are hereby empowered to advertise for and adopt plans and specifications for the erection of a workhouse, and upon the adoption of any one of the plans so submitted to said commissioners, they shall have full authority to advertise for bids and let the contract for the erection and construction of said workhouse, and the erection of the necessary out buildings and to do all the things necessary in the completing of the erection of said workhouse and suitable out-houses, yard and appurtenances, in the procuring of the necessary furniture and fixtures, and other things in and about the same. The amount to be expended for the purchase of a site for and in the erection and construction of such workhouse, not to exceed seventy-five

Shall take constitutional oath.

His duties.

Construction committee.

Building not to cost more than \$75,000.

Commissioners
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thousand dollars, shall be determined by the respective boards of supervisors of each county jointly interested, at a regular meeting, and by resolution duly passed. Said commissioners, before entering upon their duties as commissioners, and after taking the constitutional oath of office, shall severally file in the office of the county treasurer of their respective counties a bond to the said county, executed by themselves severally, with two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the board of supervisors, in such an amount as shall previously have been determined by the respective boards of supervisors, and conditioned for the full and faithful performance of their duties as such commissioners, and the accounting to said board of supervisors at each annual meeting, and oftener if required by them, for all moneys received by them as such commissioners. The commissioners elected under the provision of this act shall receive for each day actually employed in the discharge of their duties three dollars, and six cents a mile for each mile necessarily traveled in the discharge of the same.

County clerks
to notify
magistrates
when building
is ready for oc-
cupancy.

SECTION 15. Whenever the said workhouse shall, in the opinion of the board of commissioners, be completed to insure the safe confinement and employment therein of persons intended to be confined therein, they shall make triplicate determinations thereof under their hands and seals, one of which they shall file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of each respective county; one other they shall file with the clerk of each county, with instructions to said county clerks to send certified copies thereof to each justice of the peace, police magistrate, court commissioner and judges of county and circuit courts of their respective counties, within five days after receipt of said determination; and the other they shall cause to be published in several newspapers published in their respective counties.

The several
boards of
supervisors are
empowered to
borrow money.

SECTION 16. Said board of supervisors of the respective counties so united for the purpose of erecting a workhouse, are hereby authorized to

borrow from time to time on the credit of the county, such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary to defray proportionately the expenses of procuring the site and completing the erection of said workhouse, suitable out-houses, yard and appurtenances, and procuring the necessary furniture, fixtures and other things in and about the same; and the said board of supervisors of each county is hereby authorized and required to levy and collect a sum sufficient to repay the principal sum so borrowed in not more than twenty equal annual instalments, and also the interest that shall become due on the same, and the expenses of maintaining said workhouse, over and above all receipts for the labor of persons confined therein, audited by the commissioners and approved by the board of supervisors of each county, which shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other county charges are levied and collected; and the said board of supervisors, or the county treasurer under their direction, shall from time to time pay such drafts or orders as may be drawn by said commissioners for the cost of said site and the erection and the maintaining of said workhouse, not exceeding the amount at which said cost may have been fixed by the concerted action of the counties united for that purpose, and amounts properly audited by said commissioners for maintaining and conducting the same. The county chairman and the clerk of said counties, under the direction of said board of supervisors, may execute to the person or persons from whom such moneys have been borrowed such bond or bonds for the payment thereof as may be necessary or proper, which bond shall be binding upon said counties, and shall draw interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

SECTION 17. The expense of conducting and maintaining such a workhouse, after its completion by the several counties united for such purpose, is to be apportioned according to the number of persons convicted and sentenced to such workhouse by each respective county, at the rate

Expense of conducting the workhouse to be apportioned among the counties.

of not to exceed two and a half dollars per capita of such persons so committed. If any profits should arise from any work done and performed in and about said workhouse, over and above the amount necessary for the conducting and maintaining of said workhouse, the same shall also be apportioned according to the number of persons sentenced by each county jointly interested in said workhouse.

Manner of conveying person convicted to the workhouse by the proper officer

SECTION 18. Any officer receiving the commitment of any prisoner upon a sentence to such workhouse from any judge, magistrate, court commissioner, or justice of the peace from their county so interested in said workhouse shall convey such prisoner to the workhouse as directed as soon as may be after such conviction and sentence shall have been had, and after delivering such prisoner to the superintendent of the workhouse, together with the copy of the certificate of conviction of the court ordering such imprisonment, the superintendent, or his assistant in charge, shall deliver to such officer a receipt acknowledging having received the prisoner, said receipt shall contain the date, name of the prisoner, the number of the commitment, the term of his imprisonment, the name of the officer by whom delivered, and be signed by the superintendent or his deputy. The officer receiving said receipt shall file the same in the office of the county clerk of the county where the prisoner was convicted and sentenced, within twenty-four hours after his return from said workhouse; and such officer shall receive as fees ten cents per mile, going and returning, but such officer shall not be entitled to more than one fee as prescribed herein for any one trip. In addition he shall receive five cents per mile transportation for each prisoner taken and delivered by him to said superintendent, which fees so prescribed shall be in lieu of all compensation in each case for such services.

Superintendent to keep an accurate account of all persons received by him, etc.

SECTION 19. The superintendent of said workhouse shall keep an accurate account of all persons so received by him for safe keeping, confinement and employment, and shall on the

first day of each and every month render a report to said commissioners, enumerating the number of persons received, giving the date when received, their name, age, place of residence, in what court convicted, by whom sentenced, crime charged, and when discharged, died or escaped. All commitments and certificates of conviction received by the superintendent shall be numbered, filed and recorded.

SECTION 20. From and after the passage and publication of this act all sentences to imprisonment within county jails of counties interested in an established workhouse, under the provisions of this act may, on discretion of the court, be made to be executed at such workhouse; and for this purpose the said workhouse is hereby declared to be a part of the county jail of each of said adjoining counties which makes use of the authority granted them herewith.

Sentences may be executed in the workhouse on discretion of court.

SECTION 21. All former acts and parts of acts in so far as they contravene any of the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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