

six o'clock in the morning and shall remain open not later than seven o'clock in the evening. Inspectors of election shall cause public proclamation to be made at the opening and closing of the polls.

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

Approved March 30, 1899.

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## CHAPTER 73.

AN ACT to amend section 604a, statutes of 1898, relating to trustees of county asylums for the chronic insane.

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

SECTION 1. Section 604a of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out of the second proviso thereof the words "that the county board of any county which supports its poor under the county system and elects three superintendents of the poor in the manner prescribed in this section may by resolution constitute such superintendents, trustees of its asylum," and by substituting for such words the following: "that in any county which maintains both a poor-house and a county asylum for the chronic insane the trustees of the latter shall be ex-officio superintendents of the poor unless the county board shall at an annual meeting, order otherwise; but the county board of any such county may appoint a superintendent or superintendents of the poor solely to have

Trustees in certain counties, to be ex-officio superintendents of the poor, unless otherwise ordered.

Election and terms of trustees. Duties and compensation of.

charge of such poor persons as need relief outside the poor-house," so that said section, when so amended shall read as follows: Section 604a. Each county asylum shall be governed by a board of three trustees to be elected by the county board at its annual meeting. At the first election the trustees shall be elected for the terms of one, two and three years respectively, and thereafter one trustee shall be elected each year for a term of three years beginning on the first Monday in January following his election and continuing until his successor is elected and qualified. Vacancies occurring from any cause shall be filled by appointment by the chairman of the county board until the next annual meeting of such board and until the election and qualification of the successor of the appointee; the county board at such meeting shall elect a trustee for the remainder of the term and until his successor is elected and qualified. Each such trustee shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation to support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin and faithfully to discharge his duties to the best of his ability, which oath or affirmation shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. Such trustees shall receive the same compensation for their services as is allowed members of the county board; provided, that no member of any county board shall be eligible to election or appointment as such trustee nor shall he serve in that capacity; and provided further that in any county which maintains both a poor-house and a county asylum for the chronic insane the trustees of the latter shall be ex-officio superintendents of the poor unless the county board shall, at an annual meeting, order otherwise; but the county board of any such county may appoint a superintendent or superintendents of the poor solely to have charge of such poor persons as need relief outside the poor-house. The treasurer of the county shall be the treasurer of said asylum upon such con-

ditions as the county board may prescribe; and said board of trustees shall report to the county board as often as the latter may require and also annually to the state board of control a full and detailed statement of all receipts and expenditures on account thereof and all other facts concerning the management and administration of said asylum.

SECTION 2. All elections of trustees of county asylums and of superintendents of the poor heretofore held are hereby legalized.

Election of trustees legalized.

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

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## CHAPTER 74.\*

AN ACT to amend section 393 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898 relating to the establishment and organization of the board of regents of normal schools.

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

SECTION 1. Amend section 393, of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, by striking out all after the word "the" in the fifth line thereof and substituting the following, to-wit: "the state superintendent, as ex-officio regent, and of ten appointed regents. The term of office of the appointed regents, commencing with the first Monday of February in the year in which appointed, shall be five years and until the appointment and qualification of their respective successors; and they are now and shall continue divided in

Board to consist of ten members and one ex-officio member.\*  
Terms, vacancies, how filled.

\*See chapter 260, laws of 1899.