

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Soldiers' Orphans' Home, to whom was referred house file No. 274, a bill for an act in regard to soldiers' orphans' home, and to further provide for the future care of indigent children, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have prepared a substitute therefor, and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it be adopted, and when adopted the bill do pass.

I. K. TERRY, *Chairman.*

Ordered passed on file.

SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE FILE NO. 274.]

[BY EGBERT.

A BILL

FOR AN ACT IN REGARD TO SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER CARE OF INDIGENT CHILDREN, AND AMENDATORY TO TITLE XII, CHAPTER IV, OF THE CODE, AND SECTION 2, CHAPTER 94, OF THE ACTS OF THE SIXTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* The institution located at Davenport, heretofore known as the "Iowa soldiers' orphans' home," shall hereafter be styled the Iowa soldiers' orphans' home and home for indigent children.

SEC. 2. Section 2, of chapter 94, of the acts of the sixteenth general assembly, is hereby repealed, and there is enacted in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. Applications for the admission of such children shall be made through the auditor of the county wherein the person or persons to be admitted shall reside. As soon as said auditor shall be advised by the board of trustees of the said home or under authority thereof, that such person or persons can be received into the said home, said auditor shall immediately cause such person or persons to be sent thereto, at the expense of the county.

SEC. 3. Immediately on the taking effect of this act, each county auditor shall obtain a complete list of all the children, between the ages of two and fourteen years at the county poor-house, and transmit the same to the superintendent of said home, who shall submit the same to the board of trustees at its next meeting. So soon as said auditor shall be notified that said board is prepared to receive such children, or any number of them, he shall cause them to be removed from said poor-house and sent to said home at the expense of the county.

SEC. 4. No child over the age of two years shall be kept at the poor-house of any county
2 when it can be accommodated at the said home.

SEC. 5. In receiving children into said home preference shall be given first to dependent
2 and indigent orphans, half orphans and children of soldiers of the state of Iowa.

SEC. 6. Section 1629 of the Code is hereby repealed, and the following is enacted in lieu
2 thereof:

3 SEC. 1629. Said board shall have all the power of reception, transmission and succession
4 which belong to a corporation, and shall choose from its members a president and secretary
5 and determine the bonds to be given.

SEC. 7. Section 1630 of the Code is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu
2 thereof:

3 SEC. 1630. For the support of the said home there is hereby appropriated from the state
4 treasury the sum of eight and one-third dollars per month, or so much thereof as may be
5 needed, for each orphan actually supported in the home, to be ascertained by making an
6 average for the month of the number attending each day. On or before the tenth day of
7 each month the president of the board of trustees shall transmit to the governor a detailed
8 statement of all the expenditures for the preceding month, with proper vouchers therefor,
9 and accompanying the same with a requisition for support as above. If the governor shall
10 find upon examination that any of such expenditures are unauthorized by law, or are clearly
11 excessive in amount, he shall disapprove the same, and so advise the president of the board
12 of trustees, who shall at once require the officer or person making such unauthorized or ex-
13 cessive expenditure to reimburse the support fund therefor. Upon the approval by the gov-
14 ernor of the requisition for support, or so much thereof as he may deem warranted, the
15 auditor of state shall issue his warrant for the amount so approved in favor of the superin-
16 tendent of said home.

SEC. 8. So soon as this act shall take effect, the treasurer shall make settlement with the
2 board of trustees, and turn over the funds in his hands belonging to the home to the superin-
3 tendent of said home, from and after which time said office of treasurer shall be abolished.

SEC. 9. The bond required to be given by the superintendent shall be in a sum at least
2 twice as large as the greatest amount likely to be in his hands at any one time.

SEC. 10. Sections 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, 1641 and 1642 of the Code are hereby
2 repealed.

SEC. 11. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its publication in the *Iowa State Register*, a newspaper published at the city of
3 Des Moines, and in the *Davenport Daily Gazette*, a newspaper published at the city of Daven-
4 port.