

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DISCONTINUING THE HOME FOR INDIGENT CHILDREN, FOR TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE THEREIN TO THE PURPOSE OF A HOME FOR INDIGENT SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, AND FOR THE CARE OF CERTAIN INDIGENT CHILDREN OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a home for indigent
2 soldiers and sailors of the war for the suppression of the rebellion, and for soldiers of the
3 Mexican war, that the property of the State, near the city of Davenport, now and hereto-
4 fore used as a home for indigent children, be and the same is hereby authorized and direc-
5 ted to be converted to the uses of a home for indigent soldiers and sailors, and the said
6 property, both real and personal, is hereby directed to be fully transferred to the board of
7 trustees of said home for such soldiers and sailors, said transfer to be fully completed on or
8 before the first day of September, 1886.

SEC. 2. That the trustees of the home for indigent children are hereby empowered and
2 directed, at the expense of the State, to return and restore to their parents or guardians, in
3 this State, upon the written request of said parent or guardian, all children now maintained
4 in said home for indigent children.

SEC. 3. That the superintendent of said home, under the direction of the board of trus-
2 tees thereof, may, and is hereby authorized and empowered, on and after the 30th day of
3 June, 1886, to place in such families as may offer homes to children now in said home, for
4 whose return no such application has been made as contemplated in section two of this act,
5 and under regulations approved by the Governor and by the board of trustees, he may in-
6 denture such children to approved applicants.

SEC. 4. That on or before the 31st day of August, 1886, the superintendent of the home,
2 under the direction of the board of trustees, shall return at the expense of the State to the
3 boards of supervisors of the several counties from which such children were admitted to
4 the home all children remaining in said home on that date, except the children of de-
5 ceased soldiers.

SEC. 5. That there shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to the approval of the
2 Executive Council, a superintendent of indigent children, whose duty it shall be to aid the

3 board of trustees of the home for indigent children in placing the children now in said
4 home in suitable families within this State, for comfortable support and for adoption. That
5 said superintendent shall, under the direction of the Governor and the trustees of the
6 childrens' home, prepare suitable blanks to be used in making applications for the support
7 or adoption of such child or children as they may desire to support or adopt, and shall also
8 establish all necessary rules and safeguards necessary to the comforts, safety, security and
9 proper instruction and training of the children to be so supported or adopted.

SEC. 6. That in the placing of all children of deceased soldiers, the superintendent shall
2 submit all propositions for the support or adoption of such children to the chief officer of
3 the particular Grand Army Post that is nearest or most convenient to the present residence
4 of the guardian or surviving parent of such child as is proposed to be supported or adoted,
5 and request the consent of the Post to such support or adoption, and if the said Grand
6 Army Post under its seal shall express approval of the proposition for such support or adop-
7 tion, the superintendent is hereby authorized and empowered to contract for the State on
8 the part of the said child for such support or adoption.

SEC. 7. The pay of the superintennent of indigent children as herein provided for shall
2 be five dollars per day for each day necessarily employed in the discharge of the duties of
3 the office under the direction of the trustees of the home or of the Governor, together with
4 such expenses as the Executive Council may approve ; and the same shall be paid upon ac-
5 counts duly rendered under oath, and approved by the Governor. Said superintendent
6 may be removed at any time at the discretion of the Governor and another appointed if he
7 shall deem the same necessary, or he may discontinue the office when deemed proper.

SEC. 8. There is hereby appropriated from the moneys in the treasury not otherwise ap-
2 propriated the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be needed to carry
3 into effect the provisions of this act.

SEC. 9. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect from and after
2 its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published in
3 Des Moines, Iowa.