

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR ADULT BLIND.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created and established, for adult blind persons residing with-
2 in the state of Iowa, "The Industrial Home for the Blind," and there is hereby appropriated
3 eighty-five thousand dollars out of any money in the treasury, for the purchase of suitable
4 grounds and buildings, or for the purchase of grounds and the construction of suitable build-
5 ings, and for furnishing and supplying said buildings and shops, as hereinafter described, with
6 the necessary machinery and appliances for the convenient and proper use, in accordance
7 with the provisions hereof.

SEC. 2. The object of the industrial home for adult blind shall be to provide a working-
2 home and means for the blind to earn and provide their own subsistence.

SEC. 3. The governor of the state shall appoint, on or before the first day of April, 1890, a
2 board of five commissioners of said industrial home (at least one of them shall be a woman,)
3 who shall hold their offices for two years and until their successors are appointed.

4 Said board shall select the location and site for said home, and shall superintend the con-
5 struction, building, furnishing and equipping of the home and shops provided by this act.
6 Three of said commissioners, when convened for business, shall constitute a quorum for the
7 transaction of any business.

8 The board of commissioners provided for in this act shall determine, as soon as practicable
9 after their appointment, the location of said home; and, if suitable grounds be not donated
10 for the home, said commissioners shall purchase a site for said home and locate it. The loca-
11 tion of said home shall be made with reference to healthfulness, shipping facilities, and acces-
12 sibility to the people of the state.

SEC. 4. All deeds conveying any lands or lots for said home shall be executed to the state
2 of Iowa, and shall convey an absolute title in fee simple to the land so conveyed, and which
3 conveyance shall be accompanied by an abstract of title, showing such title to be perfect in
4 the state of Iowa. When said deeds, so executed and delivered, shall be deposited with the
5 auditor of state, who shall then draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for the amount of
6 the purchase price agreed to be paid therefor;

7 *Provided*, if any donation of lands or lots shall be tendered to the state of Iowa, in aid of

8 said industrial home, and such donation or donations shall be accepted by said commission-
9 ers, then said commissioners shall purchase only such additional lands or lots as may be nec-
10 essary to complete the home and shops.

SEC. 5. As soon as practicable after their appointment, said board shall adopt plans, and
2 provide estimates and specifications for buildings to be erected. As soon as said plans, esti-
3 mates and specifications shall be adopted, said board shall advertise and invite bids or pro-
4 posals for the material, labor and construction of such buildings. Said advertisement shall
5 be made in some newspaper of general circulation at the city or town, or in the county where
6 said home may be located, and such publication shall be for a period of not less than thirty
7 days, if made in a daily newspaper, and shall not be less than five publications if made in a
8 weekly newspaper. Said board of commissioners shall have power to prescribe such rules
9 and forms for making such proposals therefor as they may deem proper. All contracts shall
10 be let to the lowest bidder complying with the terms prescribed by said board. In all con-
11 tracts which may be made by said board for any material to be furnished, or for any work to
12 be done, or for any of the purposes of this act, said board shall require of the person, company
13 or co-partnership, or corporation, a good and sufficient bond, in the penal sum of double the
14 amount of the contract price for such material, labor or other supplies. All bonds herein pro-
15 vided for shall be filed at the office of the secretary of state.

SEC. 6. Said board shall have the power to employ a competent architect, and appoint
2 one of their own number as superintendant of construction, who shall receive such compen-
3 sation as the board may determine, not exceeding four dollars per day, and his necessary
4 traveling expenses while engaged in actual service connected with the home.

5 Said board of commissioners shall personally examine all accounts of expenditures in the
6 construction of any and all buildings or any parts of buildings, or for machinery or equip-
7 ments of the shops, and for any and all business in the manner pertaining to the construction,
8 furnishing, equipment of shops, or conduct of the business of the home, and no warrant shall
9 be drawn upon the treasurer of the state until such account shall have been examined and
10 audited by said board. Said board shall not advance or pay upon any contract made for ma-
11 terial or labor, or machinery, or any furnishings under the provisions of this act, more than
12 seventy-five per cent of the material, labor, machinery, furnishings or supplies at any time
13 furnished or done, until said contract shall be fully complied with. No advance shall be
14 made until after careful estimates of the material delivered and value of work done.

SEC. 7. As soon as said buildings shall be completed and furnished as herein contem-
2 plated, said commissioners shall notify the governor of the state thereof, and declare the
3 same open for admission of the eligible blind persons thereto. Thereupon the board of com-
4 missioners shall a superintendent and matron of said home, who shall receive such compen-
5 sation as may be agreed upon by said board. The salaries of the superintendent, matron
6 and all employes, and all other accounts, including the wages of workmen in the shops, shall

7 be paid monthly from the receipts of money for sale of manufactured goods, donations and
 8 the funds appropriated for each particular purpose. The board of commissioners shall have
 9 power to make and enforce all necessary rules and regulations for the proper management
 10 and government of the home; for the purchase of material for the manufacture of such arti-
 11 cles as to them may seem best for the welfare and prosperity of the workmen employed, and
 12 for the disposal of the manufactured product.

Sec. 8. Before entering upon their duties each commissioner provided for in this act
 2 shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully and impartially perform each and every duty
 3 and obligation imposed upon him (or her) by this act, and shall execute to the state of Iowa
 4 a bond, conditioned for the faithful performance of his (or her) duty herein. Said bond shall
 5 be in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, to be approved by the executive council. Said
 6 board shall organize by electing from their number a president and secretary. Said board shall
 7 keep a record of all their proceedings, which record shall be open to inspection at all times,
 8 by the governor or any one appointed by him. Said board shall make an annual report to
 9 the governor, at the same time and in the same manner required of other public institutions
 10 of the state, which report shall be printed and distributed as the reports of other institu-
 11 tions of the state.

Sec. 9. The appropriations provided for by this act shall be as follows:

2	For manufactory for 200 workmen, machinery for same and for steam heating for	
3	all the buildings and shops	\$30,000
4	For store-house for raw material and manufactured products	5,000
5	For building for men (including furnishing)	10,000
6	For building for women (including dining-hall for all employes, for laundry, ma-	
7	chinery and furnishings)	10,000
8	For superintendent's building	3,500
9	For out-buildings and barn	2,500
10	For fencing and improvement of grounds	1,500
11	For purchasing fund for biennial period	12,500
12	For contingent fund for biennial period	10,000
13	Total	\$85,000

14 The money herein appropriated shall be drawn upon warrants of the auditor of state
 15 when duly certified to said auditor by the board of commissioners; *provided*, that the money
 16 herein appropriated shall be drawn only as the building shall be advanced in construction,
 17 and not more than one-half of the amount herein appropriated for purchasing and contin-
 18 gent fund shall be drawn from the treasury, during the year 1890. *Provided, further*, that
 19 any remaining unexpended after the completion of the building or improvement for which

20 the same was appropriated, may be used as far as necessary, for any of the purposes specified
21 in this act, subject, however, to the approval of the executive council.

SEC. 10. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force from and after
2 its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, newspapers published
3 at Des Moines, Iowa.