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Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 157.

STATE AGENT.

S. F. 317.

AN ACT providing for the appointment of a state agent and defining his duties and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. State agent—appointment—salary—supplies. The board of control of state institutions is authorized to appoint some suitable person to act as a state agent for the soldier's orphans' home, the industrial school for boys and the industrial school for girls. His salary shall be fixed by the board and he shall hold his position during its pleasure. The board of control shall furnish him with such furniture, books, blanks and supplies as may be necessary to the proper conduct of his business in the same manner as supplies are now furnished the other offices of the board.

SEC. 2. Duties. The duties of such agent shall be prescribed by the board of control and shall include the finding of suitable homes or positions for orphan children who are or may have been inmates of either of the institutions mentioned in section 1 hereof. He shall visit at such times as said board may direct all children so placed in homes. He shall examine into their condition and care and shall investigate and report whether the persons taking the children have in all respects complied with all of the conditions upon which they were placed. He shall keep such records and make such reports as the board may from time to time require.

SEC. 3. Articles of indenture or adoption. Any orphan child, who is an inmate of either of said institutions, may with the consent of the superintendent of said institution and the approval of the board of control be placed by said agent in any family of good character where he or she will be well cared for and properly educated. In all cases said child shall be indentured or adopted as in the judgment of said board may be deemed best, by written articles and said board shall have power to authorize said agent, in the event any indentured or adopted child is not in all respects educated and otherwise cared for as is provided in said written articles, to take possession of said child and re-place him or her the same as if he or she had never been indentured or adopted, and in the event it shall be necessary said board of control may institute legal proceedings to secure the possession of said child, which proceedings shall at the request of the board of control be begun and prosecuted by the county attorney of the county in which the child may be. All articles of indenture or adoption shall be signed by the party taking the child and the superintendent of the institution and be approved by the board.

SEC. 4. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated the sum of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars or so much thereof as is necessary from any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of carrying this act into effect, for two years from the date of the taking effect of this act. The expenses of said agent in placing and looking after children shall be paid from this appropriation in the manner provided by the law as it appears in section twenty-seven hundred and twenty-seven-a-6 (2727-a-6) of the supplement to the code.

Approved April 13, A. D. 1904.