

## CHAPTER 37.

### STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES AND REFORM.

AN ACT creating and establishing a state board of charities and reform and prescribing in part their duties, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

Who compose  
the board. SECTION 1. That the state treasurer, state auditor and state superintendent of public instruction shall constitute and shall hereafter be known as the state board of charities and reform.

Duties of  
board. SEC. 2. The board of charities and reform shall, besides such other powers as may be conferred upon it in accordance with law, have:

#### I.

General supervision of  
certain institutions. General supervision and control of all such charitable, reformatory and penal institutions as may be established and supported by the state.

#### II.

General control of certain  
specially named buildings and institutions. General supervision and control of all buildings and institutions belonging to or used by the state for charitable reform purposes including the state insane asylum at Evanston, in the county of Uinta; the penal, educational or reformatory institution located in the town of Rawlins, in the county of Carbon; the penitentiary, located at Laramie, in the county of Albany; the deaf, dumb and blind institute or asylum located at Cheyenne, in the county of Laramie; but excepting the poor farm located at Lander, in the county of Fremont.

Poor farm  
excepted.

#### III.

Responsibility for care,  
inspection. General custody and charge, supervision and control of all buildings and institutions, and grounds thereto belonging, coming under the provisions of this act; and they shall be responsible for the proper keeping and repair of the same; and it shall be the duty of the board, by one or more of its members, to personally inspect all buildings herein mentioned, except county jails, and the poor farm at Lander, at least once every year.

## IV.

General charge and supervision of all county jails in <sup>County jails.</sup>  
this state.

SEC. 3. The board shall have power to direct the <sup>Directs</sup>  
general management of all state institutions, and be re- <sup>management</sup>  
sponsible for the proper disbursement of all funds appro- <sup>of institutions</sup>  
priated for their maintenance, which funds shall be paid out <sup>and appoints</sup>  
by the warrant of the auditor upon the state treasurer, and <sup>officers there-</sup>  
said board shall have power to appoint all officers of all  
penal, charitable and reformatory institutions now, or here-  
after to be located in this state, and to prescribe the duties  
and compensation thereof; *Provided*, That in no case shall  
said compensation exceed that now paid to the present offi-  
cers of said institution.

SEC. 4. The board shall require the sheriffs of each <sup>Sheriffs re-</sup>  
county in this state, to report on the first days of January <sup>quired to re-</sup>  
and July in each year, showing the number of persons con- <sup>port to the</sup>  
fined in the county jail, their age, mental condition, habits <sup>board respect-</sup>  
of sobriety or inebriety, religious belief if any, occupation, <sup>ing prisoners</sup>  
nativity, and whether or not, if ascertainable, if ever before <sup>in jail.</sup>  
convicted of crime, and if so, of what crime, and their  
term of imprisonment, general conduct, and the actual cost  
of diet and medical attendance thereof, and also the con- <sup>Board to pre-</sup>  
dition of the jail as to safety and convenience and the gen- <sup>pare blanks</sup>  
eral health of the prisoners therein confined. It shall be <sup>for such re-</sup>  
the duty of the sheriffs to furnish such reports, and the <sup>ports.</sup>  
board shall prepare and adopt suitable blanks for that pur-  
pose, to be furnished to the several sheriffs of this state.

SEC. 5. The board shall perform all the duties now, <sup>Dut es as to</sup>  
or hereinafter required of the board of penitentiary com- <sup>convicts.</sup>  
missioners of the State of Wyoming, and of the late Terri-  
tory of Wyoming, and of the several boards having charge  
of the institutions mentioned in section two of this act; and  
it shall be the duty of the board, either by direct expendi-  
ture or contract, to provide for the care, maintenance and  
employment of all inmates confined, or that may hereafter  
be confined in the penitentiary, reform school, or any penal  
or reformatory institutions in this state, or without this state,  
used for such purposes but the board may, by direct expen- <sup>Proviso, as</sup>  
diture, provide for the care and maintenance of all inmates <sup>to employ-</sup>  
confined in the insane asylum, deaf, dumb and blind insti- <sup>ment.</sup>  
tute of this state; *Pro-*

confined in the insane asylum, deaf, mute, poor farm or charitable institute of this state; *Provided*, That no convict shall be used or contracted to be used in any coal mine, or occupation when the products of his labor may be in competition with that of any citizen of the state; *Provided*, however, that when the cost of maintaining said convicts can be reduced to the state by their employment in some occupation, not unreasonably laborious or unhealthy, or when said convicts can be employed

to complete or repair the place or surroundings of the place in which they are confined, they shall be so employed.

United States  
convicts.

SEC. 6. The board may enter into a contract with the United States for the maintenance, care and employment of any of the convicts, under the laws of the United States, but it shall not so contract to the injury or discontent of the prisoners convicted under the state law.

Secretary of  
board, duties  
of.

SEC. 7. The superintendent of public instruction shall be secretary of the board and shall keep a careful record of the transactions of the board in a substantial and bound book, to be kept for that purpose, and which shall be known as the record and proceedings of the state board of charities and reform; he shall countersign all papers, instruments or documents approved, made or directed by the board. He shall also, for the board, and under its direction, make an annual report to the governor during the last week of December in each year, showing clearly and succinctly, the condition of all the institutions under the control or supervision of said board, whether general or direct, giving the number of inmates therein, their age, sex, condition, religious belief, conduct and all other matters pertinent thereto, and such report shall also contain such recommendations as the board may see fit to make to the governor, as shall tend to ameliorate the condition of the inmates of such institutions, that may tend to prevent crime, and as the claims of humanity and the public good may require.

**SEC. 8.** The board shall meet at least once in each month, on the first Monday thereof, for the transaction of business. The treasurer of the state shall be president of the board, and it shall be his duty to sign all papers or documents, that shall be approved, made or directed by the board. Any two of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any or all business.

**SEC. 9.** The president shall have the power to call the board together in special meeting, if, in his judgment, the public good requires the same to be done, for any purpose contemplated in this act, or any other prescribing the duties of said board, and such call may be either by personal or written notice. The object of such meeting shall be made a matter of record by the secretary of the board.

**SEC. 10.** The boards mentioned and referred to in section two of this act, and all other boards having in charge, the management, control or supervision of and of the penal, charitable or reformatory institutions of this state are hereby abolished.

**SEC. 11.** No money shall be expended by said state board of charities and reform, for any of the institutions under its control, except such sums as are, or may be, appropriated by law.

**SEC. 12.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 8, 1891.