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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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**Chapter 248.**

An Act supplementary to "An Act to amend chapter eighty-seven of Revised Statutes, in relation to actions by or against executors and administrators.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

The act entitled "An Act to amend chapter eighty-seven of the revised statutes, in relation to actions by or against executors and administrators," passed at the present session, shall not affect any action now pending.

Act to amend ch. 87, R. S., not to affect pending actions.

Approved March 15, 1883.

**Chapter 249.**

An Act to amend chapter forty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to hawkers and peddlers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Section one of chapter forty-four of the revised statutes, is amended by striking out the last two words thereof, and inserting in their place, the words, 'the United States.'

Sec. 1, ch. 44, R. S., amended.

Approved March 15, 1883.

**Chapter 250.**

An Act in amendment of and additional to chapter one hundred and forty-two of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State Reform School.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. Section eleven of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 11, ch. 142, R. S., amended.

'SECT. 11. The trustees, under direction of the governor and council, shall establish and maintain a mechanical school, and cause the boys under their charge to be instructed in mechanical trades and in the branches of useful knowledge, adapted to their age and capacity ; in agriculture and horticulture, according to their age, strength, disposition and capacity, and otherwise, as will best secure their reformation, amendment and future benefit. The trustees, in binding out

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the inmates, shall have scrupulous regard to the character of those to whom they are bound, that they may secure the benefit of good example, wholesome instruction, and other means of improvement in virtue and knowledge, and the opportunity of becoming intelligent, moral and useful citizens to the state.

Trustees to make rules and regulations.

—regulate punishments.

Rules to be approved by governor and council.

Sec. 12, amended.

Powers and duties of superintendent.

Further amended.

Inmates to be classed.

Solitary confinement not allowed.—exceptions.

The trustees shall establish rules and regulations for the direction of the officers, agents and servants of the school, and for the government, instruction and discipline of the inmates; they shall specify the punishments that may be inflicted upon the boys in the school, and any officer, agent or servant, who inflicts punishment not so authorized, shall be discharged and dismissed. Such rules and regulations shall be submitted to and approved by the governor and council, and shall not be altered without their consent.'

SECT. 2. Section twelve of said chapter is hereby amended by inserting in the seventh line, after the word "employments," the words: 'He, the superintendent, shall see that no punishment is inflicted upon the boys in violation of the rules of the trustees, and shall immediately cause to be entered in a book kept for the purpose, a particular record of all corporal punishments inflicted upon the boys, stating the offense, the punishment, and by whom inflicted; which record shall be open to public inspection, and shall be laid before the trustees at their quarterly meetings at the school, a majority of whom shall then certify upon said book whether or not such punishments are approved by them.

SECT. 3. Said chapter is hereby further amended by adding thereto the two following sections:

'SECT. 16. The inmates of the school shall be separated into classes, regard being had to their age, their character and conduct, and the offense for which they have been committed. The boys of each class shall be allowed each day, so far as practicable, out door exercise and be employed in some out door labor. Each boy shall be provided with his own clothing and be taught to care for it. Solitary confinement shall not be allowed except for grave offenses specified by the rules of the trustees, and the apartment in which it is inflicted, shall be suitably warmed, lighted, and provided with a bed and proper appliances for cleanliness. All the boys shall receive the same quality of food and in quantities to satisfy the appetite of each. Punishment of withholding or short allowance of food shall not be inflicted.'

SECT. 17. A committee of the council, consisting of three, with whom shall be associated one woman, shall be appointed by the governor annually, who shall visit the state reform school from time to time, and examine into the treatment of the inmates, their condition and progress. They shall maintain in the school, a box for the receipt of letters, to which the inmates at all times shall have free access to deposit letters, without the knowledge or scrutiny of the officers of the school. They shall hear complaints of ill-treatment from the inmates, and shall make such suggestions to the superintendent and trustees as they think the good of the school requires, and yearly, severally report to the governor and council concerning the school, its condition and needs.'

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Governor to appoint visiting committee.

Duties and powers.

Approved March 15, 1883.

### Chapter 251.

An Act fixing a time when other acts and and resolves shall take effect.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. Except as provided in the following section, all acts and resolves passed by the sixty-first legislature, and approved prior to the approval of this act, shall take effect on the fifteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

When acts and resolves of sixty-first legislature shall take effect.

SECT. 2. This act shall not apply to acts of incorporation, nor to acts and resolves which by their own terms take effect at times other than the day last named.

--exceptions.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 15, 1883—8.30 P. M. Being the last of the series of Acts and Resolves passed prior to the recess of the Legislature.