

streets and send them to the poor house there to remain till they are bound out as apprentices.

No emigrant under the age of twenty-one, to be indented by the register except by his parents or next of kin, or in default of relatives, then by the orphans court, by 1817, ch. 226, sec. 4, relating to German and Swiss redemptioners.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any one or more of the justices of the peace may take any child or children, who is or are destitute, or suffering for want of support, or the child or children of beggars, and place the same in the care of some proper person or persons until the next meeting of the orphans court, when the said child or children shall be bound out as apprentices by the said orphans court as aforesaid; and in such case it shall and may be lawful for the said orphans court to make such an allowance as to them shall seem reasonable for the expense incurred by supporting as aforesaid the said child or children, and the same shall be levied on and paid by the county to which such child or children shall belong, except the person or persons who have had the care of such child or children, or some other person or persons can be found who will agree to take the said child or children as an apprentice or apprentices as aforesaid, and pay the expense incurred as aforesaid.

Any father
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SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any father may bind out his child as an apprentice, on reasonable terms for any time not longer than till the full age of such child; that is to say, boys to twenty-one, and girls to sixteen years of age, and that the terms of such apprenticeship, with the age of the apprentice, shall be contained and expressed in an indenture, under the hand and seal of the father and master; and that the said indenture shall be lodged by the said master with the register of the orphans court of the county where such master resides, within thirty days after the execution thereof, under the penalty of three pounds current money, to be recovered from said master by indictment in the county court or criminal court of said county, and to be applied to the use and benefit of the poor of said county; and the register of the said orphans court shall and he is hereby obliged to receive and record the said indenture, and he shall be allowed the sum of three shillings current money for each and every indenture so recorded, to be paid by the said master.

Trustees
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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the trustees of the poor of any county in this state, or for any three of them, to bind out any orphan or orphans, or other poor child or children, under their care in the poor-house of said county, to any discreet person applying for said orphan or orphans, or poor child or children, always having a regard to