

15. Every child bound out under the provisions of this article shall, if a male, be bound until he arrives at the age of twenty-one years; or if a female, the age of eighteen years. And the said courts shall, in all cases, make it a part of the contract on the part of the master or mistress of such apprentice, that he or she shall give such apprentice reasonable education in reading, writing and arithmetic, to be particularized therein; and also teach such apprentice, especially if a male, some useful art or trade; and in all cases supply suitable clothing and maintenance.

16. Any two justices of the peace of such county may bind out as an apprentice any child which the said court may bind, upon the terms and for the time, and subject to the regulations and restrictions hereinbefore mentioned—and they may issue their citation to the sheriff or constable to bring such child before them; *Provided*, the contract of apprenticeship so made shall, within two months thereafter, be approved by the said Orphans' Court by an endorsement thereon, and be recorded among the records of the said court.

17. The trustees of the poor in any county, or any three of them, or any officers in any county acting as trustees of the poor, may bind out any orphan or other poor child under their care in the poor house of said county, to any discreet person applying therefor—always giving preference to tradesmen and mechanics, and requiring said applicants to sign a good and sufficient indenture to learn said apprentice the occupation that he follows, and to find him in good and sufficient clothing, meat, drink, washing and lodging, and give him education as hereinbefore required to be given to apprentices bound by the Orphans' Court.

18. Every indenture taken under the preceding section shall be lodged with the Register of Wills of the county where the same is taken, by any one of the trustees of the poor of said county, within thirty days after the execution thereof, under the penalty of ten dollars for every neglect, to be recovered by presentment in the Circuit Court for the county where such child is bound, and applied to the use of said county; and the said register shall receive and record said indenture in the same manner as indentures taken by the Orphans' Court.

19. The trustees of the poor in any county may also, in the recess of the Orphans' Court, upon information, issue their cita-