

all such white minors under the age of twenty-one years, as may be committed to it by any Court or Justice of the Peace of this State, and any Court or Justice of this State shall have power and authority in its or his discretion to commit to said Republic any white minor, under the age of twenty-one years who may be convicted before such Court or Justice of the Peace of any crime, misdemeanor or offense under or against any law or laws of this State, and with respect to minors so committed, the said Republic shall have the right to exercise such authority, and shall have such power as to their retention, returning, placing out and otherwise as may now or hereafter be prescribed by the Laws of this State for Juvenile institutions and societies with respect to minors committed to them under the laws of this State.

The Department of Welfare.

1922, ch. 29 (p. 59). 1924, ch. 283, sec. 1.

661. The Department of Welfare is hereby established. The head of this Department shall be the Board of Welfare, consisting of the Director of the Department, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Board and six associate members, who shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation, who shall each be not less than thirty years of age, interested and preferably, experienced in social welfare, and at least one of whom shall be a woman. The Director and Chairman of the Board, and the associate members thereof, shall all be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, except that the appointments first made hereunder shall be made by the Governor alone on the taking effect of this Act, and these terms of office shall begin then. The Director first appointed shall hold office until the first Monday of May, 1924, and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualify, and thereafter the term of the Director shall be four years. The associate members first appointed shall be so classed by the Governor that the terms of office of two shall expire on the first Monday of May, 1924, the terms of office of two on the first Monday of May, 1926, and the terms of office of two on the first Monday of May, 1928, and thereafter in each case the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint two associate members in the place of the two whose terms shall so expire, and thereafter the terms of the associate members shall be six years, respectively. Vacancies in said Board shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor may remove any member of said Board for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office, giving to such member a copy of the charges preferred, and the opportunity of being first publicly heard in person or by counsel. If such member shall be removed, the Governor shall file in the office of the Secretary of State a complete statement of all charges made against such member, and his findings thereof, together with a complete record of the proceedings. The salary of the Director and Chairman shall