

committed or placed, and to place said child in any other such institution, when it is apparent to the Supervisors that from improper treatment or for other good cause, the welfare of the child requires such removal. No such child shall be discharged from the institution to which he or she shall have been committed or placed (unless by direction of a court of competent jurisdiction), or be transferred to any other institution, or to the care of any individual, without the approval and consent of the said Supervisors. It shall be the duty of the Supervisors, as far as is practicable, to place all destitute or neglected children who are under their care or in their charge, in some institution or home for children, or, without payment of board in some respectable family in the State of Maryland, and to have the children visited, and their circumstances carefully examined at least once in every six months by one of the Supervisors or by a skilled agent or agents appointed by them for the purpose. On the preliminary question of the commitment of any destitute or neglected child, said Supervisors, or their agent, shall be summoned by the committing officer and heard as to whether the parent or guardian of the child to be committed is entitled to the aid of the city, and if on return of the summons of the said Supervisors, or their agent, further time is required by them, or him, to make inquiry as to the pecuniary ability of said parent or guardian further time, not exceeding twenty-four hours, shall be given. The wish and request of the parent or guardian as to the place of commitment shall be respected, unless good cause to the contrary be shown by the Supervisors. The Supervisors of City Charities shall have power to place foundlings in any proper institution with which the city has a contract.

P. L. L. (1860), Art. 4, sec. 42. P. L. L. (1888), Art. 4, sec. 39.

108. The Supervisors may admit into the Almshouse and receive under their care, in addition to those paupers which the laws of this State authorize and require, such indigent or distressed persons as in their opinion the dictates of humanity or particular circumstances render proper or necessary. In cases of emergency any Supervisor may direct the admission of any destitute, indigent or distressed person to the Almshouse.

P. L. L. (1860), Art. 4, sec. 43. P. L. L. (1888), Art. 4, sec. 40.

109. The Supervisors shall prescribe, provide for, and direct all matters relating to the support, treatment and employment of all paupers, vagrants and other persons in the Almshouse, or any other place under their care and charge.

P. L. L. (1860), Art. 4, sec. 44. P. L. L. (1888), Art. 4, sec. 41.

110. The Supervisors shall procure, or erect and use all such machinery, materials and implements as they shall think proper or necessary for any purpose connected with their duties or the exercise of the powers vested in them.