

ARTICLE 4.

ALMSHOUSES AND TRUSTEES OF THE POOR.

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| <p>1. Name of institutions for care of poor.</p> <p>2. Time certain children may be retained in county home.</p> | <p>3. Pauper children to be placed in family, school or institution.</p> |
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An. Code, 1924, sec. 1. 1912, sec. 1. 1906, ch. 32.

1. From and after February 27, 1906, all institutions in the counties of this State which are maintained by the county for the care and custody of the indigent poor shall be known under the name and style of the County Home for the respective counties; that is to say, the institution now known as the Almshouse of Allegany County shall be called the Allegany County Home, and so with the almshouses in all other counties of the State. The Trustees of the Poor of the respective counties of this State shall have painted an appropriate sign bearing the name of the County Home, to wit: "Allegany County Home," or other county, as the name shall require, which name shall be placed over the front door or entrance to such home, and shall be kept in good order.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 2. 1912, sec. 2. 1904, sec. 1. 1888, sec. 1. 1886, ch. 262. 1906, ch. 32.

2. It shall not be lawful for the Department of Welfare of the city of Baltimore, or the County Commissioners or Trustees of the Poor of any of the counties of this State to receive into or retain in any County Home any child between three and sixteen years of age for a longer period than ninety days, unless such child be an unteachable idiot, an epileptic, or a paralytic, or be otherwise so disabled or deformed as to render it incapable of labor or service.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 3. 1912, sec. 3. 1904, sec. 2. 1888, sec. 2. 1906, ch. 32. 1927, ch. 689.

3. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners and Trustees of the Poor of the counties of this State to place all such pauper children who are in their charge in some respectable family in the State, or in some educational institution or home for children or under the care of some other child caring agency or agencies which agency or agencies previously shall have been formally approved by the State Board of Public Welfare or to maintain them in their own homes, and it shall also be the duty of said Trustees of the Poor of the counties of the State, or an agent or agents to be appointed by them for the purpose, to visit such children not less than once in every six months and to make all needful inquiries as to their treatment and welfare, and to report to the Board of Trustees or County Commissioners making such disposition of said children. The County Commissioners and/or Trustees of the poor shall place all such children with a family, institution or agency duly authorized as aforesaid, under the control of a person or persons of the same religious faith or persuasion as the said child; and the wish or request