

CHAPTER 32.

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AN ACT to repeal Article 4 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, entitled "Almshouse and Trustees of the Poor," and to re-enact the same with amendments."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Article 4 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, entitled "Almshouses and Trustees of the Poor," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows :

Repeal and re-enact.

Section 1. *Be it enacted*, That from and after the passage of this Act 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.

Name of county home

Section 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for the Trustees of the Poor 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.

Length of time child can be received in home.

Section 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Poor of the city of Baltimore, and 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, and it shall also be the duty of said Trustees of the Poor of Baltimore city and 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 making such disposition of said children.

Duty of the Trustees of the Poor and County Commissioners.