

Repeat. dred and sixty, chapter nineteen, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Egerton Orphan Asylum of Baltimore," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows :

Admission of children into orphan asylum. 5. That the said managers are hereby authorized to admit and receive into the asylum any white female orphan or half-orphan child or children, between the ages of four and eight years, upon such terms and for such period during their minority as said managers shall see fit, and to continue them when so admitted from time to time, until they shall attain the age of eighteen years, or for a shorter period, as circumstances may require, at the option of said managers or according to the by-laws made by them from time to time; and the children so admitted into the asylum shall, excepting where otherwise provided by said by-laws or by the special term of their admission, be subject to the same regulations that apprentices are by the laws of this State, so long as they remain in the asylum, and until they are bound out by the managers, according to the direction of said will, which the said managers are hereby authorized to do, for the time and in the manner that other female children shall or may be bound; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be considered as abridging the security afforded by the law concerning apprentices; and except where otherwise provided by the terms of their admission, the said managers may at any time and in their own discretion, transfer the guardianship of and control over any of the said children admitted to said asylum to any suitable person or persons who may consent to legally adopt them; or said managers may on their discretion place any of said children in suitable houses or situations, without either binding them out as apprentices or securing their adoption.

Effective. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6th, 1894.