

CHAPTER 81.

AN ACT

[S. B. 71]

To amend sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 11 of Chapter 80 of the Session Laws of Alaska for 1931, relating to the care and detention of delinquent and dependent children; and creating a Board of Children's Guardians; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Chapter 80 of the Session Laws of Alaska for 1931, be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 3. In each Judicial Division of the Territory of Alaska there is hereby created a “Board of Children’s Guardians” composed of the District Judge of the Division, the United States Marshal of the Division, and one woman resident of the Division, who shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve for a term of three (3) years unless sooner removed by the Governor. The members of such Board shall serve without compensation. Each Divisional Board shall elect one of its members chairman and another member secretary of the Board.”

Section 2. That Section 4 of Chapter 80 of the Session Laws of Alaska of 1931, be, and the same is hereby amended to read, as follows:

“Section 4. The Board of Children’s Guardians shall be the legal guardians of every child committed to its control as in this chapter provided. It shall have the power to provide for the care, maintenance and education of any such child as a member of a family, or it may commit any such child to the care and custody of some person, association or institution that will receive it, and shall pay for

Board of Children's Guardians created.
Term of office.

Powers of Board.

said care, maintenance and education, a sum not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month; for such agreed monthly compensation such child must be furnished and supplied with comfortable clothing, sufficient bedding, ordinary medical attention, authorized by the Board, and plain substantial food, and must not be required to perform any services or labor to an extent that may be detrimental to its health. The Board shall have power to bind them out or apprentice them or may proceed as if the parents were dead, and give them in adoption to foster parents in the manner provided in Sections 447 to 457 inclusive, Compiled Laws of Alaska, 1913."

Section 3. That Section 5 of Chapter 80 of the Session Laws of Alaska for 1931, be, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. That the Auditor shall have the power to prescribe the forms of records to be kept by the commissioner and ex-officio justice and by the Board of Children's Guardians, and the methods to be employed in paying bills and auditing accounts. A semiannual report of their operations hereunder shall be made by the board of children's guardians addressed to the Governor and Auditor, in which shall be included a report of all actions heard hereunder by the commissioner and ex-officio justice, said reports to be for the use and information of the Governor, Auditor and the Legislature."

Auditor to prescribe rules, etc.

Semi-annual reports to be made by Board to Governor and Auditor.

Section 4. That Section 6 of Chapter 80 of the Session Laws of Alaska for 1931, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. All persons, institutions and/or associations receiving any child under the pro-

Inspections by board or any member.

visions of this chapter, whether for compensation or otherwise, shall be subject to visitations, inspections and supervision by any member of the Board of Children's Guardians or any authorized agent thereof, and every such person, institution and/or association shall, at the request of the Board, in writing, make a report to it showing his, her or its condition, management and competency to adequately care for any child or children committed, and of such other facts as the Board may require, and no child shall be delivered into the care of any person, institution and/or association whose standing, conduct or care of children, or ability to care for them, is not satisfactory to a majority of the Board."

Section 5. That Section 11 of Chapter 80 of the Session Laws of Alaska for 1931, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Fees of commissioner and witnesses.

"Section 11. In proceedings under the provisions of this Act, the commissioner and witnesses shall receive the same fees as are provided for like services in the trial of misdemeanors before a Justice of the Peace. Such fees to be paid out of the appropriation for the care of dependent children upon vouchers approved by the Auditor.

Emergency.

Section 6. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Approved May 3, 1933.