

trustees deem it advisable, they are authorized to admit said James McKechnie as an inmate to the said soldiers' home on an equality with the ex-soldiers of the United States; provided, however, that the additional expense of maintaining said James McKechnie shall be borne by the state of North Dakota.

§ 5. REPEAL.] That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

§ 6. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in this, that there is no law providing for the admission and maintenance of beneficiaries to the agricultural college or other educational institutions of the state, and such institutions close their school year prior to July 1, therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 24, 1903.

MINORS.

CHAPTER 124.

[S. B. No. 236—Cox.]

ADOPTION OF MINORS.

AN ACT to Provide for the Adoption of a Minor Child Under Certain Specified Conditions.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Amend section 2800 of the revised codes of 1899 to read as follows:

§ 2800. CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIAN.] A legitimate child cannot be adopted without the consent of its parents, if living, nor an illegitimate child without the consent of its mother, if living, except that such consent is not necessary from a parent deprived of civil rights, or adjudged guilty of adultery or cruelty, and for either cause divorced, or from a parent adjudged to be an habitual drunkard, or of unsound mind, or who has been judicially deprived of the custody of the child on account of cruelty or neglect. In case the child has no parent living, or the consent of the parent living is not necessary under the provisions of this section, consent to the adoption may be given by the guardian, if the child has a guardian, and if there is no guardian, consent to the adoption may be given by the person having the custody of the child, or by the next of kin of the child residing in this state; provided, however, that if a child under the age of four years, who has been in the sole care of persons other than its parents, with or without their consent and approval, for the period of two

years or over, whose parent or parents have refused or neglected to support such child, then and in such case it may be legally adopted by the persons so having the custody of such child, by first obtaining the consent of the mother, or upon due proof of the facts of the parent or parents having refused to support such child for the period above specified, then such child may be adopted without the consent of such parent or parents.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists inasmuch as there is no provision of law to cover such extreme cases as may exist at the present time, therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 10, 1903.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

CHAPTER 125.

[S. B. No. 80—Cox.]

INTEREST AND SINKING FUNDS NORMAL SCHOOL BONDS.

AN ACT Authorizing the State Board of Equalization to Include in the Annual Levy for Bond Interest and Bond Sinking Fund a Sufficient Amount to Pay the Interest and Provide a Sinking Fund for the State Normal School Bonds Issued Under the Provisions of Section 10, Chapter 89, Session Laws of 1891.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

Whereas, by the constitution of the state two normal schools were permanently located, one at Valley City and one at Mayville, and the 80,000 acres granted by congress for the endowment of normal schools were apportioned between them; and,

Whereas, under the provisions of section 10, chapter 89, session laws of 1891, twenty thousand dollars of bonds were issued by each of said institutions for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for normal schools, said act pledging the interest and income fund arising from their respective land grants for the payment of the annual interest, and the creating of a sinking fund to pay the bonds at maturity; and,

Whereas, no direct or other appropriation has ever been made by the state to those institutions for the erection of buildings, except the proceeds of the above mentioned bonds, and the buildings erected out of said proceeds have long since become overcrowded to such an ex-