

An Act
To Establish a Home for Aged and Infirm
Arizona Pioneers.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative
Assembly of the Territory of Arizona:

Section 1. That there shall be and is hereby authorized in or near the City of Prescott, County of Yavapai, Arizona, an institution to be known as the "Home for Aged and Infirm Arizona Pioneers."

Section 2. Said institution shall be under the direct charge and management of the Board of Control of the Territory of Arizona, and said Board may admit persons to said institution and provide for their comfortable maintenance and support therein when an applicant shall present a certificate from the Board of Supervisors of the county in which he resides stating that he is entitled to receive the benefits of the Home as provided herein.

Section 3. Any person of good character who shall have been a resident of Arizona for not less than twenty-five years and who shall have been active in the development of Arizona, and who shall have reached the age of sixty years or over, and who, because of

adverse circumstances or failing health or other disability, shall be unable to properly provide himself with the necessaries and ordinary comforts of life, shall be entitled to become an inmate of said Home at the expense of the Territory of Arizona.

Section 4. The Board of Control is hereby authorized, directed, and empowered, and it is hereby made the duty of said Board of Control, in case the City of Prescott, County of Yavapai, or some person, firm or corporation, shall donate to the Territory of Arizona within six months after the passage of this act, lands for the use and purposes of said Home, suitable for an adequate and desirable site in or near said City of Prescott, upon which the said Home may be located, and shall convey said lands in fee simple to the Territory of Arizona, to proceed to erect suitable buildings upon said site for the purposes aforesaid, the cost of said buildings, together with the furnishing thereof, shall not exceed the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars. No such building shall be constructed until after plans therefor have been submitted to and accepted by the Board of Control, nor until bids for the construction of the same shall have been properly advertised for and the contract for such construction awarded to the lowest and best bidder, or the Board of Control may reject

all bids and proceed under their own direction.

Section 5. After said buildings shall have been erected and constructed, and when said buildings are ready for occupancy by persons authorized by this Act to be inmates thereof, and after the Board of Control of the Territory of Arizona shall have certified to the Governor that said buildings are completed and ready for occupancy, there shall be appropriated Fifteen Thousand (\$15000⁰⁰) Dollars for the year 1909, or as much thereof as may be necessary, and Fifteen Thousand (\$15000⁰⁰) Dollars for the year 1910, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for maintenance of said Pioneer's Home.

Section 6. As soon as the buildings herein provided for shall have been constructed, it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint a superintendent, who shall, subject to the direction of the Board of Control, be charged with the care, custody and management of said institution. Said superintendent shall admit persons thereto upon the order of the Board of Control and shall see that all such persons are properly cared for, fed and clothed, and furnished with medical treatment if necessary. Said superintendent shall receive a salary of not more than Twelve Hundred (\$1200⁰⁰) Dollars annually, at the discretion of the Board of Control.

payable monthly out of the aforesaid House's maintenance fund, whose claims for such compensation shall be audited and allowed in the same manner as other claims for salaries against the Territory are audited and allowed. Such Superintendent shall also have the power with the advice and consent of the Board of Control to appoint such assistants, preferably in males if properly qualified, as may be required in the proper carrying on of said institution whose compensation shall be fixed by the Board of Control and paid out of the said House's maintenance fund, upon the certificate of said Board of Control, as in other cases. Provided that the said superintendent must be a Pioneer as defined in this Act.

Section 7. The expense incurred by the Board of Control for necessary supplies, general maintenance and incidental expenses of said institution not herein otherwise provided for, shall become a charge against the Territory, and upon being properly certified by the Board of Control, accompanied by vouchers, as in other cases, said claims shall be paid out of the House's maintenance fund, provided that the maintenance and expenses of said House shall not exceed in any one year the amount appropriated therefor in this Act.

Section 8. The Territorial Auditor shall prescribe proper forms for all claims against the Territory arising under the provisions of this Act, and he shall audit all such claims, and draw his warrant upon the House's maintenance fund for all such claims as he may consider a lawful and proper charge against the Territory under the provisions hereof, and the Territorial Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said warrants.

Section 9. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Geo. W. P. Hinch
President of the Council.

Sam F. Webb
Speaker of the House.

Approved March 10th 1909
Joseph H. Keagy
Governor