

ASSEMBLY, No. 197

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Mr. HOBART.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

AN ACT to enable counties which have no county home and hospital for the care, treatment and cure of crippled children to assist in maintaining homes and hospitals for that purpose located in such county.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1 1. It shall and may be lawful for the board of chosen freeholders of any county
2 of this State which has no home and hospital located therein maintained by such
3 county for the care, treatment and cure of crippled children to make an appropria-
4 tion of a sum of money not exceeding thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) each year,
5 in the same manner that appropriations for other county purposes are made, which
6 sum so appropriated shall be included in the annual tax levy of such county, and
7 collected in the same manner and at the same time as other county taxes, and shall
8 be applied to the purpose of supporting and maintaining such patients as may be sent
9 to any home and hospital or homes and hospitals for the care, treatment and cure of
10 crippled children supported by private charity and located in such county; *provided,*
11 that the sum so appropriated be used and applied for the benefit, comfort and main-
12 tenance of such patients, inmates of such home and hospital, as are residents of
13 said county at the time of being sent to said home and hospital.

1 2. If funds sufficient to meet any appropriation made under this act are not
2 otherwise available, the same shall be raised by the county by means of an issue

3 of emergency notes or emergency bonds pursuant to the provisions of section
4 twenty-five of chapter 192 of the Laws of 1917, entitled "An act concerning mu-
5 nicipal and county finances," and the statutes supplemental thereto and amendatory
6 thereof.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT.

The object of the above act is to enable counties in this State to make an appropriation for the care, treatment and cure of crippled children, residents of such counties, at homes and hospitals located within their borders. For some years the board of freeholders of the county of Essex has been making an appropriation for that purpose, but as a doubt has been expressed as to the sufficiency of legislation (P. L. 1919, page 435), now on the statute books to justify the same, it is the object of the above act to provide legislation which cannot be questioned.