

**MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND**  
**Act 123 of 1893**

AN ACT to provide for the maintenance, supervision and government of the Michigan school for the blind, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

**History:** 1893, Act 123, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1893.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**393.101 School for blind; maintenance.**

Sec. 1. That there shall be maintained, at the city of Lansing, in this state, an institution for the instruction of the blind under the name and style of the "Michigan school for the blind."

**History:** 1893, Act 123, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1893;—CL 1897, 2009;—CL 1915, 1468;—CL 1929, 7984;—CL 1948, 393.101.

**Former law:** See Act 187 of 1848; Acts 133 and 245 of 1849; Acts 35 and 382 of 1850; Act 80 of 1853; Act 106 of 1855; Acts 73 and 102 of 1857; Act 188 of 1865; Act 91 of 1867; Act 111 of 1873; Act 192 of 1877; Act 250 of 1879; Acts 7 and 233 of 1881; Act 286 of 1887; Act 169 of 1891; How., § 1836 and notes thereto.

**393.102, 393.103 Repealed. 1964, Act 287, Eff. Aug. 28, 1964.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed sections provided for board of control of school for blind and prescribed its powers and duties.

**393.104 School for blind; object; education of pupils.**

Sec. 4. The object of said school shall be to educate the blind and to afford them instruction in such useful arts and trades as they are best adapted to pursue, and such as will best enable them to maintain themselves. All pupils received in said school shall be educated in the branches usually taught in the common schools, in vocal and instrumental music, and in such other branches of learning as the board of control shall prescribe. They shall also receive instruction in such mechanical trades as said board shall prescribe, and shall have proper physical and moral training.

**History:** 1893, Act 123, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1893;—CL 1897, 2012;—CL 1915, 1471;—CL 1929, 7987;—CL 1948, 393.104.

**393.105 School for blind; pupils; eligibility.**

Sec. 5. There shall be received in said school as pupils all such blind persons and partially blind persons whose defective sight prevents their receiving instruction in the common schools, between the ages of 7 and 19 years, as are in suitable condition of body and mind to receive instruction, and who are residents of this state, and if minors whose parents or guardians are residents of this state, without charge for tuition, board, lodging, washing, medicine or medical attendance: Provided, The board of control may, in their discretion, admit persons under the age of 7 or over 19 years.

**History:** 1893, Act 123, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1893;—Am. 1897, Act 258, Eff. Aug. 30, 1897;—CL 1897, 2013;—CL 1915, 1472;—CL 1929, 7988;—CL 1948, 393.105.

**393.106 School for blind; pupils; nonresidents.**

Sec. 6. The board of control may admit applicants from other states to said school and prescribe the compensation to be paid by them, their parents or guardians: Provided, Such compensation shall be 10 per cent more than is sufficient to cover all their necessary expenses.

**History:** 1893, Act 123, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1893;—CL 1897, 2014;—CL 1915, 1473;—CL 1929, 7989;—CL 1948, 393.106.

**393.107 School for blind; pupils; period of residence at school; dismissal; transfer.**

Sec. 7. The period in which pupils shall be entitled to remain in said school shall be 12 years, or the board of control may, in cases where they deem it advisable, extend such time to 14 years. This section shall not be so construed as to prohibit the said board of control from dismissing any pupil within the such period for persistent disobedience, immoral conduct, or other sufficient cause, neither shall anything in this act operate to prohibit the transfer of any child over the age of 18 years to the Michigan employment institution for the blind upon consent granted by the board of control of the Michigan school for the blind, and whenever, in the discretion of said board, the transfer of any such child will be for its best interests or the best interests of the said Michigan school for the blind.

**History:** 1893, Act 123, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1893;—Am. 1897, Act 258, Eff. Aug. 30, 1897;—CL 1897, 2015;—Am. 1907, Act 116, Imd. Eff. May 28, 1907;—CL 1915, 1474;—CL 1929, 7990;—CL 1948, 393.107.

**393.108 County charges; superintendents of poor; duties; expenses.**

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the superintendents of the poor of the several counties of this state to send or

cause to be sent to said school all such persons as are entitled to admission therein, who are a charge upon their respective counties or any township therein. Such superintendents of the poor shall, before sending any pupils to said school under the provisions of this section, cause them to be decently and comfortably clothed, and shall provide them with comfortable clothing while they remain at said school, and defray their traveling expenses in going to and returning from said institution, and provide them with such articles of necessity and convenience as are required by the rules and regulations of said school to be furnished by the pupils therein, and shall also pay the board of such pupils during the usual annual vacation, if they are permitted to remain at said institution during such vacation. All persons entitled to admission to said school who are not a charge upon any county, but who, on account of their poverty, are unable to furnish themselves with proper clothing and other articles required by the rules and regulations of said school, shall receive the same aid from the superintendents of the poor of their respective counties while attending said school as is provided in this section for those who are a county charge. All expenses incurred by the superintendents of the poor under this section shall be a proper charge against their respective counties and shall be defrayed out of the poor fund of such county.

**History:** 1893, Act 123, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1893;—CL 1897, 2016;—CL 1915, 1475;—CL 1929, 7991;—CL 1948, 393.108.

**393.109, 393.110 Repealed. 2002, Act 702, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2002.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed sections pertained to statistical information relating to blind persons, duty to send to school, and to provide clothing and necessities.

**393.111 School for blind; board of control; biennial reports; contents.**

Sec. 11. The board of control, together with the superintendent and other officers of said school, shall make a biennial report to the governor and legislature on or before the tenth day of November preceding the regular session of the legislature setting forth among other things, the progress, condition and needs of the several departments of the school, and a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements of the institution for the 2 fiscal years closing on the thirtieth day of the preceding June, in all respects as provided by Act 146, laws of 1891, with estimates of the amount needed for the support of the institution for the ensuing 2 years, and such other information relating to said institution as they may deem proper.

**History:** 1893, Act 123, Imd. Eff. May 26, 1893;—CL 1897, 2019;—CL 1915, 1478;—CL 1929, 7994;—CL 1948, 393.111.

**Compiler's note:** Act 146 of 1891, referred to in this section, was repealed by Act 18 of 1962.