

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 642

House of Representatives, March 21, 1913.

*Reported by Mr. Chick from Committee on Education, and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE, in favor of Lee Normal Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby
2 annually appropriated for the term of two years to Lee
3 Normal academy, an institution of learning situated in Lee,
4 in the county of Penobscot, provided, however, that this ap-
5 propriation is made on the express conditions that the trus-
6 tees of said institution shall maintain and keep in operation
7 a school equal in rank and grade of teaching with a first
8 class academy, and in which shall be given special and sys-
9 tematic instruction in the science and art of teaching; that
10 no part of this appropriation shall be devoted to other pur-
11 poses than the payment of instructors in said institution;
12 that the state superintendent of public schools shall be, ex-

13 officio, a member of the board of directors thereof; that if,
14 in the opinion of the governor and council, said institution
15 at any time hereafter shall fail to fulfill the conditions con-
16 tained in this resolve, they may, in their discretion, withhold
17 the appropriation herein granted; provided, further, that
18 the payment of this appropriation shall not be made until
19 the board of directors in charge of said institution shall take
20 steps providing for a change in the name of the institution
21 by striking out the word "Normal" and shall file a report on
22 this point with the state superintendent of public schools;
23 and provided, further, that said institution shall not be en-
24 titled to any aid from the state for the years nineteen hun-
25 dred thirteen and nineteen hundred fourteen in addition to
26 that carried by this resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY RESOLVE
IN FAVOR OF LEE NORMAL ACADEMY.

Lee Normal Academy, chartered by the Legislature of Maine in 1845 and the only chartered Normal Academy in Maine, is situated in Lee, Penobscot county, sixty miles either way from Bangor, Houlton or Calais. The school is located in a sparsely settled farming region, yet the section from which it draws students has a population of more than thirteen thousand. This school is the principal secondary school in this section of Maine, and equips and furnishes teachers for many nearby towns. The school has always drawn its state money from the regular school fund the same as the five normal schools and the Madawaska training school.

In this manner it has always been recognized as differing from the regular academies of the state. In 1901, when the Academy bill was under consideration, the Committee on Education decided that this school was in a class by itself and should continue to be supported by special act and from the general school fund. The House and Senate agreed with the Committee and passed the resolve in favor of this institution. All the buildings connected with this school are under state control and the State Superintendent of Schools, ex-officio, is a member of the board of trustees. The academy has no trust or other fund as a means of revenue.

About twenty years ago the trustees purchased a large private dwelling which they converted into a small dormitory. This was not large enough to accommodate the students coming from the surrounding towns so the legislatures of 1907 and 1909 granted appropriations to enlarge the same. During the past summer the trustees have added and furnished twelve rooms at an expense of thirty-one hundred dollars. It was found to be necessary to make this addition to accommodate all those desiring admission at the fall term.