

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 169

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In Senate, Mar. 7, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Grant from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Grant of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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RESOLVE, for Indexing the Documents filed by the Legislature of Maine since Eighteen Hundred Twenty, now in the Office of the Secretary of State.

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Resolved: That there be appropriated the sum of one  
2 thousand dollars to be paid to Percy F. Crane, secretary of  
3 the Senate, for properly filing and indexing the papers and  
4 documents in the office of the secretary of the Senate which  
5 have been filed by the various sessions of the legislature since  
6 eighteen hundred and twenty and are not now properly filed  
7 and indexed. Said filing and indexing to be completed

8 between July 1st, nineteen hundred and nineteen and Decem-  
9 ber 31st, nineteen hundred and nineteen. There shall be  
10 paid to the secretary of the Senate a weekly payment of  
11 thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, and balance at comple-  
12 tion of the work. Said filing and indexing to be under the  
13 supervision of the governor and council.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Many of the papers left by previous legislatures are of more value for historians, legislators, attorneys and state officers, than are the matters which have become law. At present it is impossible to find various reports, bills, resolves, petitions, and other papers, filed previous to 1909. These papers should be indexed and the work done in such a manner that future legislatures may have the use of these documents readily.

Last session a similar resolve was passed by the legislature, but, due to the pressure of war work, the late Captain W. E. Lawry was unable to do any of the work, and the appropriation lapsed to the contingent fund.