

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 95.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE authorizing the Governor to appoint a commission to select and purchase a site for an Insane Hospital.

Resolved, That the Governor, with the advice and
2 consent of the council, shall appoint a board of
3 three commissioners, whose duty it shall be to
4 select an eligible site, at or near the city of
5 Bangor, in the county of Penobscot, for an insane
6 hospital, to be known as the Eastern Maine Insane
7 Hospital; and said commissioners are hereby
8 authorized and empowered to procure a good and
9 sufficient title and conveyance of said site to the
10 State. And whenever a site shall have been pro-
11 vided as aforesaid, said commissioners shall cause
12 plans and specifications to be made for suitable
13 buildings to be erected on said site, said plans and

14 specifications to be made according to the most
15 recent approved models for such an institution;
16 and said commissioners are also hereby authorized
17 and empowered to cause said site to be graded and
18 put in condition suitable for the erection of build-
19 ings, according to the plans and specifications
20 accepted by them, and all the acts of said com-
21 missioners shall be subject to the approval of the
22 Governor and Council. Said commissioners shall
23 receive in full compensation for their services three
24 dollars per day while employed, and all necessary
25 expenses incurred while so employed. And the
26 sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much
27 thereof as is necessary, is hereby appropriated to
28 carry out the provisions of this resolve, to be paid
29 by the State Treasurer on warrants drawn by the
30 Governor and Council.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The present Insane Asylum is insufficient to accommodate the constantly increasing number of insane. Larger numbers of patients cannot be successfully treated in one institution as has been recognized by our sister States, many of which have several Insane Asylums. The location of the present institution is convenient for western and central Maine, but puts a heavy burden upon those having the care and support of patients from the northern and eastern portion of the State by reason of great cost of transportation and visitation. Bangor being a large railroad center, easily accessible from the north and east, furnishes all the advantages required for a location of such an institution.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 14, 1889.

Reported by Mr. RYDER, from Committee on Insane Hospital, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

C. W. TILDEN *Secretary.*