

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 162.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

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WHEREAS, From the crowded condition of the Maine Insane Hospital in Augusta, there is urgent and imperative need that some action should be immediately taken by this legislature to relieve the distressing situation as soon as possible.

*Resolved,* That the governor, with the advice and consent of the executive council, shall appoint a board of three commissioners (not more than two of whom shall belong to the dominant political party in the State), to whom shall be joined (as an advisory member), the superintendent of the Maine Insane Hospital; they and their successors (who shall be appointed in the manner aforesaid whenever vacancies occur) to be known as the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital Commission. Two, at least, of said commissioners shall be men of experience

11 in the construction of buildings, and shall be competent  
12 judges of the materials which enter into the construction  
13 of such buildings as are contemplated in said plans and  
14 specifications. One of said commissioners shall be a  
15 practical builder, and shall devote his entire time to the  
16 work of the commission, and shall be paid five (5) dollars  
17 per day, (not including Sundays), and necessary travel-  
18 ling expenses. The superintendent of the Maine Insane  
19 Hospital shall be paid all reasonable expenses while  
20 engaged on the commission, in addition to his present  
21 compensation. The remaining commissioners shall be  
22 paid three (3) dollars per day and their reasonable  
23 expenses, for the time they are actually employed on said  
24 commission. All bills for the services of said commis-  
25 ioners shall be examined and approved by the governor  
26 and council, and paid out of the appropriation for build-  
27 ing said hospital. Said commissioners are hereby directed  
28 to take immediate steps to erect, construct and complete  
29 in a manner to be fire-proof, at as early a period as is  
30 possible, and not later than January 1, 1895, the two  
31 wings next to the main buildings, and the boiler house,  
32 as shown by the plan and specifications of the East-  
33 ern Maine Hospital (which have been duly approved  
34 by the governor and council). And said buildings  
35 shall be erected on the site at Bangor, already pur-  
36 chased by the State for the purpose. For this pur-  
37 pose the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand  
38 (150,000) dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended

39 under the direction of said commission as herein pro-  
40 vided. Said commission is hereby authorized and empow-  
41 ered to lay any drains or sewers that may be necessary,  
42 from said site to the Penobscot river, and enter therein  
43 below the dam ; and for that purpose may cross any land,  
44 highways or railroads that may be necessary. Damages  
45 for the same shall be adjusted in the same manner as  
46 provided by law for the settlement of land damages in-  
47 curred by railroads. The governor and council are hereby  
48 authorized to draw warrants upon the State treasurer in  
49 favor of said commissioners from time to time, to the  
50 amount of the appropriation herein provided.

### MAJORITY REPORT.

The majority of the Joint Special Committee on the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital to which was recommitted resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same in a new draft, under title of "Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital," and that it ought to pass.

B. B. THATCHER,  
R. L. GRINDLE,  
WILL R. ALLEN,  
A. F. MURCH,  
A. M. GARCELON,  
THOMAS P. SHAW,

M. H. FERGUSON,  
J. H. MCGREGOR,  
JAMES ADAMS,  
D. C. PARKER,  
G. L. FARRAND,  
I. W. MERRILL.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital.

*Resolved,* That the trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital are hereby authorized and instructed to erect at some place on the hospital premises, according to plans now in the hands of said trustees, two fire-proof buildings with connecting corridors and ducts, suitable for the accommodation of about one hundred patients each. The costs of said buildings, exclusive of furnishing, shall not exceed one hundred and ten thousand dollars. The sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose above named, of which fifty-five thousand dollars shall be payable during the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and fifty-five thousand dollars during the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four; and it is hereby provided that the trustees may draw from the accrued funds and current net income of the hospital during the years above named, such sums as may be necessary to furnish said buildings, but not more than eighty-five per cent. of such funds or income shall be used in any one year, provided, that before contracts for the foregoing buildings and furnishings are made, proposals shall be advertised for, and contracts shall be awarded to the lowest bidder, with the right to reject any or all bids.



## MINORITY REPORT.

The minority of the Joint Special Committee on Eastern Insane Hospital to which was recommitted the majority and minority reports of the Joint Special Committee on Insane Hospital have had the same under consideration, and after fully reviewing the matter, are still of the opinion that the resolve reported by the majority of said committee, ought not to pass.

We firmly believe that the present hospital can be enlarged by the building of two pavilions, and with such additions will meet all demands that may be made on the hospital for some years to come.

With the prompt relieving of the present condition of affairs at the hospital, and having in view the desire of keeping present and future appropriations within due bounds, we beg leave to report, for your consideration, the following resolve, entitled: a Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital; and that the same ought to pass.

E. B. MALLET, JR.,  
ELLIOTT WOOD,  
C. M. WATERHOUSE,  
J. F. BRACKETT,  
TREBY JOHNSON,  
C. D. MORRILL,  
J. E. KELLEY.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 21, 1893. }

Tabled pending acceptance of either report, by Mr. ADAMS of Bangor,  
both reports and resolves ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*