

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 82

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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RESOLVE in favor of Maine Home for Friendless Boys.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated two  
2 thousand dollars for use of Maine Home for Friendless  
3 Boys at Portland as follows: one thousand dollars for year  
4 1901 and one thousand dollars for year 1902.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine Home for Friendless Boys was incorporated in 1893. It is located in Portland, in that portion of the city which was formerly the city of Deering. It is essentially a home for friendless, destitute boys of Maine. The purpose of the Home is to furnish for such boys comfortable and temporary care, and to place in good, permanent homes, as soon as practicable, such boys as may be given to the absolute control of the society. Great care is used in accepting applications for boys. Only such homes as are endorsed by worthy people of a community are considered desirable of investigation. That the Home fills a long felt need is proved by the record of boys received and cared for since its opening. A large number have been legally adopted into good homes. Others have received temporary care, often times bridging over times of distress, and re-uniting families when brighter days have dawned. The support of the Home, with the exception of the appropriation which has, for four years been made by the State, is by contributions and miscellaneous solicitations, which are more or less uncertain.

The Maine Home for Friendless Boys is a State institution. Friendless and destitute boys from any town in the State may be admitted to the Home. Through voluntary contributions, within the past two years, a lot has been bought and a house built for the Home in Portland. The cost of the same being, approximately, seven thousand dollars. About one-half of the cost has been paid by these voluntary contributions, and the house is mortgaged for the balance. The State has, for the past four years, made appropriations for the partial support of the Home. The appropriation provided in the resolve is precisely the same that was granted by the legislature in 1899. As showing the work done by the Home, ninety-four boys have been received since 1896. Twenty-five have received temporary care and were afterward returned to their parents. Sixty have been placed in family homes, or given employment. Twelve boys, from three to five years of age, have been adopted.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 6, 1901.

Reported by Mr. HIX of Rockland, from Committee on Financial  
Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*