

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 143

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

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*Resolved*, That there be and is hereby appropriated the  
2 sum of five thousand dollars to be paid to the Eastern  
3 Maine General Hospital for the use of said institution for  
4 the year 1901, and five thousand dollars for the use of  
5 said institution for the year 1902.

*Resolved*, That the further sum of five (5) thousand  
7 dollars be and is hereby appropriated to be paid to said  
8 Eastern Maine General Hospital in order to pay its indebted-  
9 edness now outstanding, and incurred for the purpose of  
10 completing, furnishing and equipping the new ward build-  
11 ing at said institution.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Eastern Maine General Hospital has grown up steadily from a small beginning. So pressing was the necessity for a general hospital in the eastern part of the state, that a few citizens of Bangor took a lease of the property on State street called the "Mace house property," and opened a hospital on June 7th, 1892, which was entirely supported by voluntary contributions. Subsequently, on December 16th, 1892, it was incorporated under chapter 55 of the Revised Statutes, "For the charitable and benevolent purposes of establishing and maintaining a hospital for the treatment of medical and surgical cases." On October 8th, 1894, the property was purchased for eight thousand dollars. From the time it was opened to the present time, December 29th, 1900, about seventy thousand dollars have been expended for plant, permanent expenditures, furnishing, repairs and additions. Notwithstanding the generous aid of the citizens of Bangor, it soon became evident that they could not and would not reasonably be expected to pay all the necessary expenses of the institution, especially as an increasing number of patients were coming from, not only the whole eastern part of this state, but from other sections in the state, from other states, and even foreign countries. Accordingly, aid was asked from the state, and the legislature, by a resolve approved February 28th, 1895, chapter 43, granted the institution, (then the Bangor General Hospital) five thousand dollars for the year 1895, and five thousand dollars for the year 1896, for running expenses, and ever since the same amount for each year has been appropriated by the legislature for that purpose.

The increasing number of patients and the pressing necessity for larger and better accommodations and appliances, caused the erection, furnishing and equipping of the new ward building, which has cost, completed, furnished and equipped,

to the present time, December 29th, 1900, forty-six thousand seven hundred and thirty-six dollars and thirty-eight cents. Inasmuch as the state shared so largely in the benefits derived from this growing institution, it was appealed to for aid for the new building, and by a resolve approved March 9th, 1899, chapter 62, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars was appropriated "To assist in the completing, furnishing and equipping of the new ward building now in process of construction by said institution."

The new building has been erected and equipped in a complete and modern manner, much to the benefit of the patients, but the necessary cost so largely exceeded the amount of the subscriptions together with the appropriation from the state, that the corporation, not having the means at its command, was obliged to borrow the amount necessary to pay its bills.

The Eastern Maine General Hospital now owes the sum of eleven thousand dollars to local banks, on which it is now paying interest, borrowed for that purpose, and it again appeals to the state for an appropriation for that amount, in order to pay its indebtedness, feeling that it has a right to expect the same aid that has been afforded other institutions of the same character by the legislature.

Eastern Maine General Hospital,

CHARLES HAMLIN, President,  
and CHARLES H. BARTLETT, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 13, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*