

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 291

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine School for the Deaf.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated for the
2 Maine School for the Deaf, the sum of seventeen thousand
3 five hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and three;
4 also the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars for
5 the year nineteen hundred and four. Also the sum of six
6 thousand dollars for the purchase of a building and lot to be
7 used as a home for the pupils.



STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The need of increased accommodations for the pupils of the Maine School for the Deaf was stated to the last legislature. It was then thought that an additional house could be leased and for this purpose the extra sum of \$2,500 was granted. It was found impossible to hire a house and with the means furnished by the State the trustees bargained for the purchase of the property adjoining the building then used as a home for all the pupils. The price to be paid was \$10,000. There is a large lot of land, containing 10,708 square feet, on which stands a large and substantial brick house. The trustees have paid \$500 a quarter and have already paid the sum of \$4,000, leaving \$6,000 due on the property. This arrangement was made with the full knowledge and consent of the governor and council. The trustees now find that the payment of \$500 a quarter out of the appropriation which they have received the past two years is too burdensome and ought to be relieved. They therefore ask for a special appropriation of \$6,000 to complete the purchase of the new house and the continuance of the same appropriation as for the past two years. The need of the new house will be evident when it is considered that in the school there are 93 pupils, coming from every county in the State. The old dormitory was built to accommodate 56 pupils, and the housing in it of the school as at present constituted is not possible, except at great danger to the health and safety of the children. The trustees are managing the school with the strictest economy and respectfully submit that every dollar of the regular appropriation is needed for the ordinary expenses after the purchase of the new house is fully completed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 9, 1903.

Reported by Mr. SWETT of Portland, from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*