

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 418

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE to amend chapter one hundred ninety-four of the Resolves of Eighteen hundred ninety-three, relating to industrial exhibits.

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*Resolved,* That chapter one hundred ninety-four of the 2 Resolves of eighteen hundred ninety-three be and is hereby 3 amended by inserting in the first line the words 'five hundred' 4 between the word "thousand" and the word "dollars," so that 5 said chapter as amended shall read as follows:

*Resolved,* That the sum of one thousand five hundred dol- 7 lars be and hereby is appropriated to the Maine State Fair 8 Agricultural Society in addition to the sum heretofore appro- 9 priated for the purpose of encouraging the exhibition of the 10 industrial products of Maine, as well as increasing the pre- 11 miums in stock and agricultural classes, and also to provide 12 further for pomological exhibits, apples, pears, plums, grapes

13 and canned goods, and said society may draw said appropri-  
14 ation from the State treasury upon its voucher that such  
15 amount has been paid out each year for said purposes.'

And be it further resolved that the sum of fifteen hundred  
17 dollars be paid to said society before the first day of August,  
18 1905, to be used by said society to reimburse it for money  
19 advanced heretofore in payment of premiums on agricultural  
20 exhibits.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine State Agricultural Society, after years of careful and conservative work by its trustees, finds itself embarrassed by a debt of about \$21,000. Feeling that the entry fee is about as high as the exhibitors can reasonably be expected to pay and the premiums as low as it will do to place them and still be an inducement for the agricultural interests to exhibit, we can conceive of no way to relieve the situation except through the legislature, which we feel should hold out a reasonable inducement to the agricultural interests of the State.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Augusta, March 8, 1905.

Reported by Mr. PURINTON from Committee on Agriculture and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*