

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 156

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE to provide means for examination of claims for
State pensions.

Resolved, That the State pension clerk is hereby authorized
2 to expend such sum, under the direction of the governor and
3 council, not exceeding three hundred dollars yearly, as may
4 be necessary to properly examine the claims presented to his
5 office, the same to be paid out of the appropriation for State
6 pensions for the years nineteen hundred and five and nineteen
7 hundred and six, upon proper vouchers filed with the gov-
8 ernor and council fully itemized as to dates, amounts and
9 subject matter thereof.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This resolve for the examination of claims for State pension provides the means by which the State pension agent can visit different towns, cities and plantations as may be necessary to obtain information relative to and to determine what necessity, if any, exists under the law and includes all expenses of travel either by rail or carriage and in a great majority of cases it is necessary to use a team going to distant parts of country towns and in cities. Bills for the same are itemized in all respects and presented to the governor and council for approval. Great care has to be exercised in the examination of such claims and the amount of this resolve is as small as will afford the means to make examinations that are absolutely demanded. Requests are often made by municipal officers of cities and towns to come and look over the applicants and it is the purpose of the office to answer all such requests; complaints are oftentimes received and need investigation.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 3, 1905.

Reported by Mr. MORSE from Committee on Pensions and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.