

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 44

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind.

Resolved: That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be
2 and hereby is appropriated to the Maine Institution for
3 the Blind for the year nineteen hundred and seven, and a
4 like sum for the year nineteen hundred and eight, to be
5 expended by the officers of said institution in the main-
6 tenance thereof and in providing suitable buildings, tools,
7 apparatus and instructors for the beneficiaries thereof, and
8 particularly to be expended by said officers under such rules
9 and regulations as they may prescribe for the purpose of
10 giving to every blind or partially blind person over eighteen
11 years of age, who is a resident of the State, practical instruc-
12 tion for a period not exceeding three years, in some useful
13 occupation conducive to his or her self-support.

The officers of said institution in furtherance of the purposes of this resolve, may provide or pay for temporary lodgings and temporary support for workmen or pupils received at any industrial school or workshop established by them, and may ameliorate the condition of the blind by devising means to facilitate the circulation of books, by promoting visits among the aged or helpless blind in their homes, and by such other methods as they may deem expedient; provided, that they shall not undertake the permanent support or maintenance of any blind person at the expense of the State.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine Institution for the Blind was incorporated under the general laws of Maine, June 23, 1905.

There are twenty-five directors, a president, two vice presidents, a clerk and a treasurer. The president is Morrill N. Drew, vice presidents, F. E. Boothby and Charles H. Randall, clerk, J. C. Knapp, and treasurer, Harry Butler.

This institution is to be located in the city of Portland. It is proposed to accommodate between twenty-five and fifty. It is proposed to teach broom-making, chair-seating and mattress-making, to be followed by other trades. The outside work will consist of teaching the blind the methods of writing, which blind learn, also reading, to enable them, if possible, to do work in their own homes.

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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, January 24, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*