

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 44

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

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*Resolved,* That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum  
2 of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid to the Eastern  
3 Maine General Hospital for the use of said institution for the  
4 year 1909, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the use of  
5 said institution for the year 1910.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Eastern Maine General Hospital, situated at Bangor, Maine, was opened on June 7, 1892, and incorporated December 16, 1892, and in 1897 by special act of the Legislature, chapter 388, the corporation received a special charter, and its organization was ratified and confirmed.

It is a charitable institution. The original lot and building were purchased through private subscriptions of citizens of Bangor on October 8, 1894, for about eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), though the value of the land and the original buildings is now very much greater. This lot contains between two and three acres, and extends from State Street, on which it measures 206 feet, to the location of the European & North American Railway, now the Maine Central Railroad, along the banks of the Penobscot River. Subsequently, a lot adjoining the original lot and measuring 344 feet on State Street, containing about five acres, was purchased for five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

The original buildings consisted of a large stone house and ell, which cost originally over \$40,000. From time to time there have been added a new ell, a boiler house, laundry, contagious ward building (a separate building), and a large ward building constructed of brick which has become the main part of the Hospital, the old building being used mainly for administrative work and accommodation for the employees. A new and adequate heating and ventilating apparatus has been installed at considerable cost.

There is in process of construction a new ward building to be used chiefly as a children's ward, which will almost double the accommodations for patients. This new building is of brick and is absolutely fireproof. It will cost, as estimated, in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Taking this estimate, there has been expended in all about \$200,000 for land, buildings and equipment. These figures do not include the maintenance of the institution.

The growth of the institution is shown by the following table of the first and last years of the existence of the Hospital:

Year.	Cost of each patient per week.	No. of patients during the year.	Free patients.	Partly free patients.	Patients outside of Bangor.	Received from patients.	Expenditures.
1893.....	\$12 00	150	68		99	\$ 2,059 33	\$ 7,954 42
1908 .....	10 50	1,161	202	312	955	25,116 94	30,590 15

Four hundred eighty-eight patients came from other counties in Maine than Penobscot, and 56 were non-residents of the State.

Previous Legislatures have granted to this Hospital an annual appropriation of \$5,000 a year for two years, and without this annual appropriation the Eastern Maine General Hospital could not exist as a charitable institution.

Of the estimated \$200,000 expended above, the State has paid or appropriated at various times, only \$40,000, and the rest of the amount has been raised by private subscriptions. The endowment fund of the Hospital, which has been raised entirely by subscriptions and bequests, amounted to only \$43,261.71 at the last annual meeting. Since that time two citizens of Bangor have left large bequests to the institution, but they are not yet available. One of them, the bequest of the late Charles E. Phillips, amounting to about \$100,000, will be used for the new children's ward almost entirely. The other bequest of uncertain value, will to a great extent not be available until certain relatives of the late Hiram P. Oliver are deceased.

Eastern Maine General Hospital, by

JOHN WILSON, *Secretary*.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 29, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*.