

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 137

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of the W. C. T. U. Temporary Home for
Children.

Resolved, That there be and is hereby appropriated for the
2 use and benefit of the W. C. T. U. Temporary Home for
3 Children seven hundred and fifty dollars for the year nine-
4 teen hundred and nine and seven hundred fifty dollars for the
5 year nineteen hundred ten. Should any part of the appro-
6 priation for a particular year remain unexpended at the end
7 of said year, it shall not lapse but may be expended in the
8 succeeding year.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The agents for the protection of children, appointed under the provisions of Private Laws of 1907, chapter 43, and the Statutes of which it is amendatory, find that there is a great and increasing need for a home in which these children can be placed. They must be located and cared for by the consent of the persons or institutions receiving them, or not at all.

The agent for Kennebec County has, since her appointment in 1907, been instrumental in bettering the condition of over 100 children. She has placed some in permanent homes, and others in institutions. The "W. C. T. U. Temporary Home for Children" is a duly organized charitable organization, which has already made a beginning in the work in question. The present appropriation is asked for the purpose of maintaining a home in the City of Augusta for the purposes above indicated. The project is to take poor and unfortunate children from incompetent, cruel or negligent parents, or from indigent widows or widowers, and board them for a nominal sum, giving the parents an opportunity to contribute what they can. There are many such cases.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 10, 1909.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*