

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

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STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of the enlargement of the State House, or the erection of a suitable State Office Building adjacent thereto.

Resolved: That the Governor of the State, and four others
2 to be appointed by him, two of whom shall be members of
3 each of the two leading political parties, are hereby con-
4 stituted a commission, and are directed to take immediate
5 steps to obtain plans and specifications for such an enlarge-
6 ment and alteration of the present State House, or, in their
7 discretion, for such an alteration of the present State House
8 and such an office building adjacent to and communicating
9 therewith, as will provide ample, convenient and fire proof
10 apartments for the State Library and the various depart-
11 ments of the State government and the records and docu-

12 ments thereof, and for the use and accommodation of the
13 legislature and its committees; and shall thereupon proceed
14 to contract for, prosecute and superintend the construction
15 and completion of said enlargement and alterations, or of
16 said alterations and office building; and that the sum of one
17 hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars for the year 1909,
18 and one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars for the
19 year nineteen hundred and ten, be and hereby is appropriated
20 for the purposes of this resolve, to be expended under the
21 direction of said commission, and for the reasonable ex-
22 penses of said commission, to be fixed and determined by
23 the Governor and Council, and audited by the State Au-
24 ditor.

Provided, that the commission shall not proceed to make
26 any expenditure, or contract therefor, until they shall have
27 first obtained a contract or contracts from responsible par-
28 ties to complete the work for a sum not exceeding the amount
29 specified in this resolve, which contract shall be secured by
30 a bond to be approved by a majority of said commission.

Provided, further, that any balance of the above appropria-
32 tion remaining unexpended at the end of the year for which
33 it was appropriated shall not lapse, but may be expended
34 during the succeeding year.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The inadequacy of the State House for existing and future needs of the legislature, its committees, the State Library, and other departments of government, is obvious and universally conceded. It is estimated that \$350,000 will be required, and sufficient, to suitably alter the present structure, including the enlargement of the floor space of the House of Representatives, and to build either an addition, or a separate office building, as provided in the resolve.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 17, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BURLEIGH from Committee on Public
Buildings and Grounds and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*