

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 129

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in favor of Bangor Children's Home.

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500)
2 be and hereby is appropriated in aid of the current expenses
3 of the Bangor Children's Home, of Bangor, Maine, for the
4 year 1909, and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500)
5 for the same purpose for the year 1910.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

This institution was founded under the name of the Bangor Female Orphan Asylum by Act of the Legislature in 1836, Private and Special Laws, Chapter 220, and 1839, Private and Special Laws, Chapter 540, its name being changed to Children's Home of Bangor by Act of the Legislature in 1866, Private and Special Laws, Chapter 50.

Its Constitution, Article 1, provides that it shall be called the Bangor Children's Home, and it is a strictly charitable and non-sectarian institution.

An act is pending before this Legislature to change the name of the institution to Bangor Children's Home.

Article 2 provides that its objects are to provide and carry into effect means for the support, instruction and employment of destitute children, especially orphans.

It has also been caring for children whose parents are unable to care for them properly and at the same time earn their living.

More than one-half the children come from places outside the city of Bangor. In the year 1907 out of 64 children only 23 came from Bangor. In 1908 out of 51 children only 21 came from Bangor.

The house and grounds on Ohio Street require the expenditure of considerable money to put them in proper condition. The house needs general painting and renovating inside and there are no modern improvements in the laundry.

The cost of conducting this institution has increased considerably in the past few years owing to increased prices.

The institution, although conducted with the strictest economy, affords comfortable homes for, and suitable care and education of, children who would otherwise grow up in poverty and ignorance and some of whom might become criminals.

Oftentimes when parents are unable to pay anything toward the support of their children and desire them to have good homes and surroundings, the managers of the institution have

been able to secure the adoption of the children by worthy people, much to the advantage of such children.

The main building cost some thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) and a hospital ward has been added, costing some fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), making a total cost of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the buildings. They are situated on a fine site on Ohio Street about three-quarters of a mile from the Post Office, with healthful surroundings.

The State has aided this institution for more than thirty-five years and it cannot conduct the Home properly without this aid from the State.

Bangor, Maine, January 14, 1909.

CHARLES H. BARTLETT,
PRESCOTT H. VOSE,
HARRY MERRILL,

Financial Committee.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 4, 1909.

Reported by Mr. OSGOOD from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*