

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 279

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE, in favor of the President and Trustees of Bates  
College.

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*Resolved*, that there be and hereby is appropriated for  
2 the use of the President and Trustees of Bates College the  
3 sum of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars for the  
4 year 1909 and a like sum for the year 1910, to be used for the  
5 construction of a central heating plant.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The rapid growth of Bates College constrains her trustees and friends to ask the people of Maine through their Legislature to aid in meeting an urgent need. During the last fifteen years the number of Bates students has risen from 167 to 439, nearly 263 per cent.—a rate of increase surpassed during the same time by only one New England College. This remarkable growth in numbers, together with the multiplying demands imposed by modern education, has thrust upon her the necessity of meeting many urgent needs at once. These include large additions to her funds, expensive outlays for her laboratories and libraries, and the immediate erection of several new buildings. Private philanthropy has been and will be invoked, and the graduates and immediate friends of Bates will give, as they have already given, with cheerful loyalty. But without aid from the State, whose large welfare it is the constant aim of its Colleges to promote, she must suffer serious and permanent loss. In the name of the three hundred and twenty Maine students—four-fifths of them sons and daughters of farmers and working men—who have committed to her their hope of a college education, she asks your timely help. She points with pride to the fourteen hundred Bates graduates that have brought honor to their College and to Maine, and in particular to the four hundred Bates alumni within our own borders that, in their varied callings, are powerfully contributing to that preeminence of our State in character, intelligence, and enterprise which is the only sure guaranty of its future. The immediate installation of a central heating plant will save her large amounts annually, will increase the value of all her buildings, present and prospective, and will render more efficient every department of her work. Of the one million dollars now represented by her grounds, buildings, and funds, our State has contributed only \$30,000 in the forty-four years since she received her charter; and nearly nine-tenths of all her benefactions must be credited to non-residents of Maine. She is held in honor throughout our country. Her

halls are sought by students from many states. She is unsectarian. She is tireless in her efforts to aid the self-reliant young men and young women who have found with her their college home. She appeals to the Legislature, assured that it will assume the obligation imposed by the Constitution of Maine "to encourage and suitably endow, from time to time, as the circumstances of the people may authorize, all academies, colleges, and seminaries of learning within the State."

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

February 25, 1909.

Reported by Mr. WALKER from Committee on Education  
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.