

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 378

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*House of Representatives, March 2, 1911.*

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

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE in favor of Bangor Children's Home.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000)  
2 be and hereby is appropriated in aid of the Bangor Chil-  
3 dren's Home, of Bangor, Maine, for the year nineteen hun-  
4 dred eleven, and the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000)  
5 for the year nineteen hundred and eleven for maintenance  
6 of said home.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS ACCOMPANYING THE RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF BANGOR CHILDREN'S HOME.

This institution was founded in 1836 and is strictly charitable and non-sectarian. Its objects are to provide means of support, instruction and employment for destitute children, especially orphans, and it also cares for children whose parents are unable to care for them properly while earning their living. It has also placed children in good homes where they have been frequently adopted.

The buildings and grounds occupy a fine site on Ohio Street in Bangor, Maine, about three-quarters of a mile from the post office, with healthful surroundings. The buildings represent a cost of some forty-five to fifty thousand dollars.

About one-third of the children entered during the past year came from places outside the city of Bangor and in many cases they were children who could not have been properly cared for in the small towns where they were.

The annual expenses of conducting the institution are some seventy-five hundred to eight thousand dollars, one-third of which, or about twenty-five hundred dollars, is expended for the benefit of out-of-town children.

The building contains four sleeping rooms which are at present much overcrowded, one room containing twelve beds for boys, another twelve beds for girls, another four beds for girls, another eleven beds for small boys and small girls, and one small room containing one bed, or forty beds in all. The average number in these rooms for the past year has been thirty-seven or eight.

This condition of things cannot continue and relief must be sought either from increasing the room for dormitories or by reducing the number of children. The management feel that by reducing the number of children in the institution much hardship would result, especially to the smaller places outside of Bangor. At times there is a demand even beyond the present crowded accommodations.

An addition to the present building to relieve the crowded conditions would cost between three and four thousand dollars.

This institution has received aid from the State for nearly forty years.

The management desire to begin the construction of an addition to relieve the crowded condition, but such addition would be completed the present year. The institution has no surplus funds available for that purpose, but if it should receive the customary aid from the State, which for the past four years has been fifteen hundred dollars a year, it would feel warranted in constructing such addition although the second fifteen hundred dollars would not be received until long after the completion of the building and the payment of the construction bills.

ELLEN W. THAXTER,  
*President Bangor Children's Home.*