

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 582

House of Representatives, March 14, 1911.

*Reported by Mr. Allen from Committee on Education and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ELEVEN.

RESOLVE in favor of Lee Normal Academy.

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is hereby
2 annually appropriated out of the school fund, for the term
3 of two years, to Lee Normal Academy, an institution of
4 learning located in the town of Lee, in the county of Penob-
5 scot; provided, however, that this appropriation is made on
6 the express conditions that the trustees of said institution
7 shall maintain and keep in operation a school equal in rank
8 and grade of teaching with a first class academy, and in
9 which shall be given special and systematic instruction in
10 the science and art of teaching; that no part of this appro-
11 priation shall be devoted to other purposes than the pay-
12 ment of instructors in said institution; that the superin-
13 tendent of public schools shall be, ex-officio, a member of

14 the board of directors thereof; and that if, in the opinion
15 of the governor and council, said institution at any time
16 hereafter shall fail to fulfill the conditions contained in this
17 resolve, they may, in their discretion, withhold the appro-
18 priation herein granted; and provided, further, that said
19 Lee Normal Academy shall not be entitled to any aid from
20 the state for the years nineteen hundred eleven and nine-
21 teen hundred twelve in addition to that carried by this
22 resolve.

STATEMENT OF FACTS TO ACCOMPANY RESOLVE
IN FAVOR OF LEE NORMAL ACADEMY.

Lee Normal Academy, chartered by the Legislature of Maine in 1845 and the only chartered normal academy in Maine, is situated in Lee, Penobscot county, sixty miles either way from Bangor, Houlton or Calais. The school is located in a sparsely settled farming region, yet the section from which it draws pupils has a population of about thirteen thousand.

This school is the principal secondary school in this section of Maine, and equips and furnishes teachers for the many nearby towns. The school has always drawn its State money from the regular school fund, the same as the five normal schools and the Madawaska Training School do.

In this manner it has always been recognized as different from the regular academies of the State. In 1901, when the academy bill was under consideration, the Committee on Education decided that this school was in a class by itself and should continue to be supported by special act and from the general school fund. After a spirited contest in the House, that body, as well as the Senate, supported the contention of

the committee and gave the Lee Normal Academy resolve a passage. All the buildings connected with this school belong to the State, and the State Superintendent of Schools, ex-officio, is a trustee of the institution.