

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 603

House of Representatives, March 21, 1913.

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

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of the Maine Institute for the Blind,
Portland.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of fifteen thousand dollars to be paid to the Maine In-
3 stitute for the Blind, Portland, for the year nineteen hundred
4 and thirteen, and fifteen thousand dollars for the year nine-
5 teen hundred and fourteen, for maintenance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine Institution for the Blind is located at Portland. The object is to give the blind an industrial training so that they may at least be in part self-sustaining. At the present time they are receiving training in broom making, chair caning, weaving, mattress making and upholstering. Forty-one blind persons are at present connected with the institution. The institution has no income except such as is received from the State.

A dormitory for blind women as greatly needed. At present they board in private families. It is very difficult to secure suitable boarding places in the vicinity of the institution where the blind girls can receive suitable care and supervision. A dormitory should be erected with a capacity of caring for at least twenty blind girls.

The expenditures for the year 1912 were \$17,800.30, and the receipts \$15,826.43.