

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 63

House of Representatives, Feb. 3, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on State Prison.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Fossett of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of altering and enlarging the State Prison at Thomaston.

Resolved, That the governor of the state and four others
2 to be appointed by him, two of whom shall be members of
3 each of the leading political parties, are hereby constituted
4 a commission and are directed to take immediate steps to
5 obtain plans and specifications for an alteration and en-
6 largement of the present state prison at Thomaston and to
7 provide ample, convenient, sanitary and suitable accommo-
8 dations for the inmates and officials of said prison, for pres-
9 ent and future needs; and said commission shall thereupon
10 proceed and contract for, prosecute and superintend the
11 construction and completion of the enlargement and altera-
12 tions of said prison. And in its discretion said commission

13 may purchase additional land for said prison, for agricul-
14 tural purposes.

That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be and here-
16 by is appropriated for the year 1915; and the further sum
17 of twenty-five thousand dollars for the year 1916, for the
18 purposes of this resolve, the same to be expended under the
19 direction of said commission and for the reasonable ex-
20 penses of said commission, which expenses shall be fixed
21 and determined by the governor and council and audited by
22 the state auditor.

Provided that said commission shall not proceed to make
24 any expenditure or contract therefor until they shall have
25 first obtained a contract or contracts from responsible par-
26 ties to complete the work of enlargement and alterations of
27 said prison for a sum not exceeding the amount herein
28 specified less the sum said commission in their discretion
29 may decide to expend for said land. Which contract shall
30 be secured by a bond, which shall be approved by a major-
31 ity of said commission; provided further any balance of
32 said appropriation for 1915, unexpended at the end of the
33 year, shall not lapse but may be expended during the year
34 1916.