

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 161

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In Senate, March 5, 1919.

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

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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RESOLVE, Authorizing and Empowering the Governor and Council to Acquire by Purchase the Residence of the Late James G. Blaine, and Such Other Property Contiguous or Adjacent Thereto to be Used in Connection Therewith as Said Governor and Council May Determine, for an Executive Mansion.

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Resolved, That the governor and council be and hereby  
2 are authorized and directed to acquire by purchase the  
3 residence of the late James G. Blaine in Augusta, provided  
4 the same can be purchased at a reasonable price, and such  
5 other property contiguous or adjacent thereto to be used  
6 in connection therewith, as said governor and council may  
7 determine, and to fit up and furnish the same for a home

8 for the governor of the state while in office, to be known  
9 as the Executive Mansion and that the same be paid for  
10 out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appro-  
11 priated

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Official duty requires the Governor to reside in Augusta during his term of office and this imposes a burden on the chief magistrate which is disproportionate to his salary and cannot readily be adjusted on a salary basis.

This increased expense, unless assumed by the State, is likely to deter men of limited means from aspiring to the office of Governor, and added to this is the possible difficulty of hiring a suitable and conveniently located dwelling.

It appears that the best way to meet the situation is for the State to provide a permanent executive mansion.

The residence of the late James G. Blaine is conveniently located and being otherwise suitable, the committee appointed to inquire into this matter recommends that this and such other adjacent property as may be deemed necessary ought to be purchased, fitted up and furnished by the State as a home for the Governor while in office, to be known as the Executive Mansion.