

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 34

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In Senate, Feb. 2, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Brewster of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

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RESOLVE, in Favor of the Maine Institution for the Blind.

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Resolved: That twenty thousand dollars for the fiscal  
2 year of nineteen hundred twenty-three and twenty thou-  
3 sand dollars for the fiscal year nineteen hundred twenty-  
4 four be paid to the Maine Institution for the Blind in quar-  
5 terly payments in aid of the adult blind of the state of  
6 Maine, on condition that said institution prove to the sat-  
7 isfaction of the state auditor that a majority of the directors  
8 of said institution is, by its by-laws, provided to be by  
9 appointment of the governor with the advice and consent  
10 of the council.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Institution for the Blind is a class by itself. It should not be grouped with anything else. It is doing its work in the remaking of citizens; preventing too much growth of the dependent class and improving that class towards higher and higher levels.

The method in vogue since 1917 of paying this institution on a per capita basis is wrong, wrong in that no matter how the school population fluctuates in the workshop the overhead is the same and the supplies must be kept up ready at hand for the new ones who waste as well as for the older ones who waste not.

Whatever is granted by the state should be paid quarterly. To this end changes in by-laws and laws of the state are suggested to bring the majority of the directors under appointment of the governor with consent and approval of the council.