

# OFFER PLEA FOR FRANK.

Illinois Legislature Asked to Pass Resolution in His Behalf.

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CHICAGO, May 4.—The Illinois Legislature was asked today to pass resolutions asking for the suspension of the death sentence on Leo M. Frank, sentenced to death at Atlanta for the murder of Mary Phagan.

The resolution is addressed to the Governor of Georgia, who is urged to act on the ground that "a civilized Christian nation has ever supported the principle that the law is not meant to destroy, and that it has ever been the prerogative of the people to petition for a redress of grievances, and that since there is a reasonable doubt in the minds of the able jurists of the United States Supreme Court who presented the minority opinion, the suspension of the death sentence should be exercised."

The resolution was read into the records of the Legislature by Senator Willet H. Cornwall of Chicago and was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

## 10,000 Sign Cassidy Petition.

More than 10,000 residents of Queens County, among them a number of lawyers and influential men who had always been politically opposed to him, have signed a petition to Governor Whitman praying for the pardoning of Joseph Cassidy, the former Queens "boss," who was sentenced to Sing Sing for a term of not less than one year for selling a nomination for the Supreme Court bench to William Willett.

## Left \$5 to Pay \$23,000 Bequests.

Charles Bentzen, who died on Dec. 2, 1914, drew his will on Nov. 25, 1913, making bequests that aggregated \$23,000, of which \$2,000 was to go to the Home for Sailors at Holmestrand, Norway; \$9,000 to his widow, Mary Bentzen of 240 West Twelfth Street, and the residue to relatives. Mrs. Bentzen filed the instrument for probate yesterday, and with it a petition which recites that the estate amounts to about \$5, and that there are not sufficient funds to pay the funeral expenses.