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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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Towns may
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ings.

Section 15. Said towns of Farmington, Chesterville and New Sharon or any water district including one or more of said towns or portions of said towns may at any time after the expiration of five years from the opening for use and service of a system of water works constructed by said corporation and after a vote in a legal town meeting to that effect has been passed, shall have the right to purchase, and by this act said corporation is required to sell to said towns or any water district including one or more of said towns or portions of said towns, said system of water works including everything appurtenant thereto, and if said towns or said water district and said corporation cannot agree upon the terms and price, then such terms and such price shall be determined and fixed by the chief justice of the supreme court of the state of Maine, after due hearing of the parties interested, and from the decision of said chief justice there shall be no appeal.

Approved March 29, 1909.

Chapter 354.

An Act to make valid the doings of certain municipal and administrative Officers of the city of Eastport.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Acts and
doings
made valid.

The assessment of taxes in the city of Eastport for the year nineteen hundred and three, and all acts of the assessors in making the assessment for said year, and the doings of the municipal officers in making the appropriations for said year are hereby confirmed and made valid notwithstanding any errors or informalities made therein.

Approved March 29, 1909.

Chapter 355.

An Act to incorporate the Litchfield Electrical Company.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

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rators.

Section 1. Oramandal Smith, I. W. Gilbert, J. E. Chase, H. W. Maxwell, J. A. Chase, G. M. Rogers, Chapin Lydsten, George W. Earle, Charles Campbell, A. R. Buckley, A. H. Williams, and A. F. Williams, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby incorporated under the name of the Litchfield Electrical Company, for the purpose of making,

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rate name.

generating, selling and supplying electricity for lighting, heating, power, manufacturing or mechanical purposes in the town of Litchfield, in the county of Kennebec, or for any or either of such purposes, and for distributing, supplying and selling electricity for any or all of said purposes to any corporation, firm or individual within said town desiring to purchase the same, subject to the rights and liabilities incident to similar corporations as fixed by the general statutes relating thereto.

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poses.

Section 2. Said corporation is authorized to locate, construct and maintain a dam or dams on any brooks or streams lying wholly or partly within said town, provided that they shall not be constructed so the flowage of water will interfere with any mills or dams existing at such time as said company may erect dams as aforesaid.

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Section 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall be ten thousand dollars divided into shares of ten dollars each, of such classes as the shareholders may determine, and it may issue bonds for such amounts as may be required and secure said bonds by mortgages upon the property and franchises of the company.

Capital
stock.

Section 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase, plants, property, franchises, rights, privileges and locations of other corporations or individuals engaged in any of the kinds of business hereinbefore named in the territory above mentioned, and such corporations and individuals are hereby authorized to convey, transfer and assign such property, franchises, rights, privileges and location to the said Litchfield Electrical Company, and after the acquisition of any such property by said Litchfield Electrical Company shall have, hold, enjoy and exercise the same for its own uses and purposes as though originally granted to it.

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Section 5. Said corporation is hereby authorized to contract with any firm, individual or corporation for the purpose of buying or selling power as the needs of its business may require or permit.

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power.

Section 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to set poles and extend wires thereon in and through the streets and ways of the town of Litchfield, as it may deem most expedient in carrying out the purposes of section one of this act, under such reasonable restrictions as the municipal officers of said town may impose as to the manner in which the poles shall be set and the height at which the wires shall be carried thereon.

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poles and
extend
wires.

Section 7. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by written notice thereof, signed by any incorporator

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herein named, served upon each incorporator by a copy of the same in hand, or mailed, postage paid, at least seven days prior to the day named therein for such meeting.

Approved April 1, 1909.

Chapter 356.

An Act to authorize the City of Portland to retire and pension members of its Fire Department.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Pensions authorized to members of Portland Fire Department.

Section 1. The city council of the city of Portland, is hereby authorized and empowered to provide by ordinance for the retirement, upon a pension not exceeding half pay, of any member of the Portland Fire Department who having served not less than fifteen years in the fire department, and having arrived at the age of sixty years, shall have been honorably discharged.

Pensions to permanently disabled.

Section 2. Any member of the Portland Fire Department may be pensioned by the city council, not exceeding half pay, who has become permanently disabled while in the actual performance of duty, regardless of the time he has actually served in such department.

Annuity to widow.

Section 3. The widow of any member of said fire department who has lost his life in the performance of his official duties, may receive an annuity of not more than twenty-five dollars per month, so long as she remains a widow and in need of such annuity for her support. Minor children or other persons dependent upon such fireman for support at the time he is killed or fatally injured may be granted an annuity, if there is no such widow, but it shall not in the aggregate amount to more than twenty-five dollars a month.

—to minor children, etc.

City Council may appropriate money.

Section 4. The city council is hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate a sum of money not exceeding half pay in such manner as may be judged by said council most advisable for the relief or indemnity of any officer or member of the said fire department who may sustain bodily injury, or contract sickness in the discharge of his duty, or consequent therefrom.

Acts not repealed.

Section 5. Nothing herein contained shall repeal any acts of the legislature heretofore enacted, allowing said city council to grant pensions in special cases.

Approved April 1, 1909.