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AS PASSED BY THE

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Chapter 78.

An Act to Amend Chapter Two Hundred and Six of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seven, Relating to the West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company.

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

P. & S. L., 1907, c. 206, sec. 1; relating to authority of West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Co., to construct a dam at Ripogenus falls, amended. Section one of chapter two hundred and six of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by striking out the word "four" in the eighth line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word 'eight,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Authorized to raise water eight and one-half feet above level of Chesuncook lake. The West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company, incorporated under chapter one hundred seventy-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and three, is hereby authorized and empowered to rebuild and raise its present dam at Ripogenus falls, or to build and maintain a new dam at said falls at some point within fifty feet below and five hundred feet above its present dam, to such a height as will raise the water eight and one-half feet above the maximum level of the surface of Chesuncook lake as flowed by the present Chesuncook dam, for the purpose of facilitating the driving of logs and lumber and of storing water for the use of any mills or machinery which may use West Branch water. If in rebuilding or increasing the height of the present Ripogenus dam or in building the dam authorized by this act, the said West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company shall take or flow out any water power belonging to private individuals below Chesuncook dam or below the dam authorized by this act, the owner or owners of said power shall receive full compensation therefor, and if the parties cannot agree upon said compensation then the same may be recovered in an action on the case by said owner or owners in the supreme judicial court for the county of Penobscot. Said West Branch Driving and Reservoir Dam Company shall not have the right to use the water at said dam for any other purpose than that of driving logs and supplying water to any mills or machinery which may use West Branch water, and cannot generate electricity for any person or corporation to the detriment of private owners of power privileges below or above said dam.'

(Passed over Governor's veto, March 27, 1923.)