

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 1.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN.

AN ACT authorizing the city of Augusta to expend a certain amount of money towards the purchase and improvement of the water power within its limits, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. The city of Augusta, in order to promote the benefit and welfare of its citizens, and to aid in securing the improvement of the water power within its limits, on the Kennebec river, and on Bond brook, so called, is authorized to expend the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in purchasing, or in contributing to the purchase of, such property and estate as may, in

9 the judgment of the city council, conduce to the full
10 development of the said water power, including the
11 rights, privileges, property and franchises now owned
12 by the Kennebec Company ; and any property so pur-
13 chased by the said city it may transfer and convey, or
14 cause to be conveyed, on such terms, and to such per-
15 son or persons, as the city council may determine.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when it shall
2 have been accepted by the said city of Augusta, by a
3 vote of the legal voters thereof in ward meeting, voting
4 by ballot, yea or nay, on the question submitted, and
5 an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the said
6 voters present and voting at the said meeting shall be
7 necessary for its acceptance. The said meeting shall
8 be called by the mayor and aldermen, and notified and
9 held agreeably to law and the ordinances of the said
10 city, and the ward clerk of each ward shall within
11 twenty-four hours after the said meeting, deliver to
12 the city clerk a certified copy of the record of the said
13 meeting, to be by him laid before the mayor and al-
14 dermen, who shall as soon as may be examine the
15 returns and ascertain and declare the result, and the
16 city clerk shall make a record thereof ; and if the act
17 shall have been accepted as aforesaid, then after such
18 acceptance and record thereof, all the provisions of

19 this act shall take effect and be in full force there-
20 after.

SECT. 3. Upon the acceptance of this act as afore-
2 said, and upon being authorized thereto by a vote of
3 the city council, approved by the mayor, the treasurer
4 of the said city, for the purpose of raising the sum
5 aforesaid, may issue the scrip of the said city to the
6 amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in
7 certificates of not less than five hundred dollars each,
8 bearing date February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and
9 sixty-seven, and payable to the holder thereof in such
10 number of years from their date, as the city council
11 may determine, with interest at the rate of six per
12 centum per annum, with semi-annual interest warrants
13 thereto attached; the said scrip to be signed by the
14 said treasurer and countersigned by the mayor; but
15 the coupons shall be signed by the treasurer only.

SECT. 4. The said city of Augusta is further author-
2 ized to exempt from taxation, for any period not ex-
3 tending beyond January first, eighteen hundred and
4 eighty-one, any or all improvements that may be made
5 in connection with the water power aforesaid; *provided*
6 that no property now in existence shall be so exempted
7 from taxation, *and provided further*, that all such im-
8 provements shall be duly returned by the assessors for
9 purposes of state valuation.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after
2 its approval by the governor so far as to authorize the
3 calling and holding of the meeting authorized by the
4 second section.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 10, 1867. }

Reported by Mr. SHEPLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, read twice, and on motion of Mr. STEVENS of Augusta, laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

FRANKLIN M. DREW, *Clerk.*