

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 50.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Rockport Village School
Corporation.

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

SECTION 1. The territory embraced within the
2 limits of school districts numbers four and eighteen
3 in the town of Camden, together with the inhabi-
4 tants thereon, be and the same hereby is incorpor-
5 ated a body politic and corporate by the name of
6 the Rockport Village School Corporation.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby vested with
2 power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose,
3 to raise money for erecting, repairing, renting, pur-
4 chasing and removing such school houses and out
5 buildings as the wants of the corporation may re-

6 quire; for purchasing or renting land for them to
7 stand upon, and for yards and play-grounds; for
8 purchasing a library, utensils, blackboards, globes,
9 maps, and other useful apparatus; for providing
10 water for school-houses, with necessary conven-
11 iences for the health and comfort of teachers and
12 pupils; for the enclosing of grounds and appurte-
13 nances of the school-houses. They shall also have
14 the power to determine where their school-houses
15 shall be located.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation
2 for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon
3 the property and polls within the territory afore-
4 said by the assessors of said corporation, in the
5 same manner as is provided by law for the assess-
6 ment of town taxes. And said assessors may copy
7 the last valuation of said property by the assessors
8 of the town of Camden, and assess the tax thereon.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the
2 assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof,
3 of the amount of money raised at any meeting for
4 the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said
5 assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount
6 upon the estates and polls of persons residing on
7 the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-
8 resident proprietors thereof, and lists of the assess-

9 ment, so made, to certify and deliver to the col-
10 lector whose duty it shall be to collect the same in
11 like manner as county and town taxes are by law
12 collected by towns, and to pay the same over to the
13 treasurer of said corporation, who shall receive the
14 same and pay it out to order or direction of said
15 corporation, and keep a regular account of all
16 moneys received and paid out, and exhibit the same
17 to the assessors whenever requested; and said cor-
18 poration shall have the same power to direct the
19 mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the
20 collection of town taxes.

SECT. 5. The officers of the corporation shall
2 consist of a clerk, treasurer, three assessors and
3 three school directors, and such other officers as
4 may be provided for in the by-laws of said corpor-
5 ation, and all officers of said corporation shall be
6 chosen by ballot, and sworn to the faithful per-
7 formance of their duties; the first election to be
8 at the meeting of the legal voters of the corpora-
9 tion called to accept this charter, and the annual
10 election of officers shall be in the month of March.

SECT. 6. The clerk shall keep a record of all the
2 doings and proceedings at the meetings of said
3 corporation.

SECT. 7. The school directors shall, at their first
2 meeting, designate by lot one of their number to
3 hold office three years, and another two years; the
4 third member shall hold office one year, and each
5 member elected to fill the place of one whose term
6 expires, shall hold office three years. They shall
7 fill all vacancies in their number until the next an-
8 nual meeting. Two members shall constitute a
9 quorum, but if there is but one in office he may fill
10 vacancies.

SECT. 8. The school directors shall have all the
2 rights and powers, and perform all the duties now
3 enjoined and prescribed by law to be performed by
4 school agents and superintending school committee
5 or supervisor of said town, so far as said corpora-
6 tion is concerned; and said directors shall have
7 power, and it shall be their duty to determine the
8 number of grades of schools, and the number of
9 schools in each grade; classify the scholars accord-
10 ing to their attainments, and direct at which of the
11 schools they shall be allowed to attend respec-
12 tively;—lay out and expend the school money ap-
13 portioned by the town and assigned to said corpora-
14 tion, or raised by the corporation in the support
15 of the schools thus established; and the said direc-
16 tors shall make a report of their doings, and of the

17 state and progress of the schools at the annual
18 meetings of the corporation.

SECT. 9. The inhabitants of said corporation
2 may adopt any suitable by-laws and regulations,
3 not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the
4 state, for the regulation of the schools, and may
5 raise money to pay a reasonable compensation to
6 said directors.

SECT. 10. Philander J. Carleton and Robert H.
2 Carey, or either of them, are authorized to call the
3 first, and all subsequent meetings, until the cor-
4 poration is fully organized, by issuing a warrant di-
5 rected to some member of the corporation, requir-
6 ing him to notify the members thereof to assemble
7 at some suitable place, by posting up notices of
8 the time, place and objects of said meeting, in two
9 public places within said corporation, seven days
10 at least before the time of said meeting. All meet-
11 ings subsequent to the organization of the corpor-
12 ation shall be called by order of the assessors.

SECT. 11. This act shall not be binding upon
2 said corporation until accepted by the legal voters
3 thereof, at a meeting called for this purpose

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect when ap-
2 proved.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 9, 1881. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*