

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 295.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Belfast Illuminating Company.

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

SECTION 1. Thomas T. Robinson, Robert B. Taber,
2 Robert F. Peirce and Percy C. Peirce, and their associates
3 and assigns are hereby constituted a body politic and cor-
4 porate, by the name of the Belfast Illuminating Company
5 for the purpose of supplying light, heat and power by
6 electricity or by the manufacture of gas in the city of Bel-
7 fast with all the privileges and subject to all the duties,
8 restrictions and liabilities by law incident to such corpora-
9 tions of a similar nature.

SECT. 2. Said company is authorized and empowered
2 to carry on the business of lighting by electricity or gas,

3 such public streets in the city of Belfast and such build-
4 ings and places therein, public and private, as may be
5 agreed upon by said corporation, and the owners or those
6 having control of such buildings and places to be lighted,
7 and may furnish motive power by electricity or gas within
8 said city, and may build and operate manufactories and
9 works for providing and supplying of electricity, gas,
10 light and power, and may lease, purchase and hold real
11 and personal estate, for the purposes of the corporation
12 to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, and to
13 construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of wire or other
14 material of pipes for the transmission of electricity or
15 gas, submarine, underground, upon, under and along and
16 over any and all streets and ways, under the direction of
17 the municipal officers of said city.

SECT. 3. The said company shall be liable in all cases
2 to repay to said city all sums of money that said city may
3 be obliged to pay on any indictment or judgment recovered
4 against said city occasioned by any obstruction or taking
5 up or displacement of any way, highway, railroad or
6 street by said company in said city; *provided, however,*
7 that said company shall have notice whenever such damages
8 are claimed of said city, from the municipal officers and
9 shall be allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

SECT. 4. Said company shall not be allowed to obstruct
2 or impair the use of any public or private drain or gas pipe
3 or sewer, telegraph or telephone wire, but may cross, or
4 when necessary, change the direction of any private wire
5 or pipe, drain or sewer, in such manner as not to obstruct
6 or impair the use thereof, being responsible to the owner
7 or other person for any injury occasioned thereby in an
8 action on the case.

SECT. 5. The said company is hereby authorized to
2 purchase the franchise and property, rights, privileges
3 and immunities of any gas light company, electric light or
4 power company located and established in said city of
5 Belfast upon such terms as may be agreed upon, and upon
6 such purchase and transfer of any such franchise and
7 property, rights, privileges and immunities, the said
8 Belfast Illuminating Company shall succeed to and enjoy
9 all the right, privileges and immunities now granted to
10 any such company in said city of Belfast, and to supply
11 said city with light, heat and power, by the manufacture
12 of gas or electricity in the manner provided in the pre-
13 ceding sections, and by the charters of any such company
14 as aforesaid, and any amendment thereto.

SECT. 6. The said company is hereby authorized to
2 make contracts with any companies, corporations or per-
3 sons in said city of Belfast for the purposes of supplying
4 light, heat and power, as contemplated by this act, and
5 the said city of Belfast by its municipal officers is hereby
6 authorized to contract with said company from time to time,
7 as is deemed expedient for the supply of light, heat and
8 power for said city.

SECT. 7. The capital stock of said company shall not
2 exceed one hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided
3 into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SECT. 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue its
2 bonds for the construction of its work and for the purposes
3 of its incorporation, but the bonds so issued shall not
4 exceed the amount of its capital stock. Said bonds may
5 be issued in sums of not less than one hundred dollars
6 each, payable not more than thirty years from their date,

7 with interest not to exceed six per centum per annum
8 payable semi-annually. All bonds which shall be issued
9 by said company shall be binding and collectible in law
10 notwithstanding such bonds may be negotiated and sold
11 by said corporation or its agents, at less than their par
12 value. Said bonds shall be secured by a conveyance of
13 the corporate property and franchise by a suitable instru-
14 ment of mortgage to secure the payment of said bonds.

SECT. 9. The first meeting of said corporation may be
2 called by either corporator by written notice signed by him,
3 stating the time and place thereof, and sent by mail five
4 days in advance to his associates.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 20, 1891. }

Tabled, pending first reading by Mr. AYER of Oakland, and ordered
printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*