

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 303.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Van Buren Water Company.

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

SECTION 1. Peter C. Keegan, Patrick Lynott, Allan E. Ham-  
mond, Solomon Madore, Simeon Cyr, Michael A. Barrett, Joseph  
F. Thenault, Alexander Thenault, Henry A. Gagnon, Michael  
Michaud, Mary Keegan, Margaret Sharkey, Julia Farrell, Annie  
J. Sharkey, Rosa B. Sharkey and Frederick W. Keegan, their  
associates, successors and assigns are hereby constituted a body  
corporate and politic by the name of the Van Buren Water  
Company, for the purpose of conveying to and supplying the  
village of Van Buren and vicinity with pure water.

SECT. 2. Said corporation for said purpose is hereby authorized  
to hold real and personal estate necessary and convenient there-  
for to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized to acquire by  
2 purchase or otherwise the several springs or streams on the  
3 height of lands overlooking said village and to erect or maintain  
4 reservoirs and dams and lay down and maintain all pipes and  
5 aqueducts necessary for the proper accumulation, conduct, dis-  
6 charge, distribution and disposition of water, and forming proper  
7 reservoirs thereof; and said corporation may take and hold by  
8 purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary there-  
9 for and may make excavations through any lands whatever  
10 when necessary for the purposes of this corporation.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all  
2 damages that may be occasioned to any person by the taking of  
3 any land or other property, or by the flowage or by excavation  
4 through any land for the purpose of laying down pipes and  
5 aqueducts, building dams and reservoirs and also damages for  
6 any other injuries resulting from said acts, and if any person  
7 sustaining damage as aforesaid, and said corporation cannot  
8 mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, such person  
9 may cause his damages to be ascertained in the same manner  
10 and under the same limitations, conditions and restrictions as  
11 are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out  
12 of railroads.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be five  
2 thousand dollars, which may be increased to twenty-five thousand  
3 dollars by a vote of said corporation and be divided into shares  
4 of one hundred dollars each.

SECT. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down in  
2 and through the streets and ways in said town of Van Buren,  
3 and to take up, replace and repair all pipes, aqueducts and  
4 fixtures as may be necessary for the purposes of their incorpora-  
5 tion, under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by  
6 the selectmen of said town. Said corporation shall be respon-  
7 sible for all damages to persons and property occasioned by the  
8 use of such streets and ways, and shall also be liable to said

9 town for damages from obstructions caused by said corporation  
10 and for all expenses including reasonable counsel fees incurred  
11 in defending such suits with interest on the same.

SECT. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make con-  
2 tracts with the town of Van Buren, Van Buren village corpora-  
3 tion whenever such a corporation shall be formed, and with any  
4 or all other corporations or individuals for the purposes of sup-  
5 plying said corporations with water for fire and other municipal  
6 purposes or any other corporations or individuals with water for  
7 any other purposes whatsoever ; and said municipal corporations  
8 by its selectmen or assessors shall have the legal right to con-  
9 tract with said Water Company. Municipal corporations, shall  
10 have the right by vote to exempt said Water Company from tax-  
11 ation for a period of ten years from the passage of this act.

SECT. 8. Said corporation in making any changes, additions  
2 or improvements on its works in any of the streets of said Van  
3 Buren Village shall cause the same to be done with as little  
4 obstruction to public travel as may be practicable, and shall at its  
5 own expense without unnecessary delay, cause the earth and  
6 pavements removed by it to be replaced in proper condition.

SECT. 9. Any person who shall wilfully injure any of the  
2 property of said corporation, or who shall knowingly corrupt  
3 the springs or streams or its tributaries out of which said Water  
4 Company's water is obtained in any manner whatever, or render  
5 them impure, whether the same be frozen or not, or who shall  
6 throw the carcasses of dead animals or other offensive matter  
7 into said waters, or who shall wilfully destroy or injure any dam,  
8 reservoir, aqueduct, pipe, hydrant or other property held or  
9 owned by said corporation for the purposes of this act, shall be  
10 punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by  
11 imprisonment not less than one year and shall be liable to said  
12 corporation for three times the actual damage, to be recovered  
13 in any proper action.

SECT. 10. In case the works of this corporation shall not be  
2 put in actual operation within six years from the date of the  
3 approval of this act, the rights and privileges herein granted shall  
4 cease.

SECT. 11. The first meeting of said corporation may be called  
2 by a written notice thereof, signed by any three corporators herein  
3 named, served upon each corporator by giving him or her the  
4 same in hand or by leaving the same at his or her last and usual  
5 place of abode, seven days before the time of meeting.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
March 21, 1891. }

Tabled, pending first reading by Mr. STEARNS of Caribou, and  
ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*