

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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SENATE.

No. 25.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to ratify and confirm the organization of Public
Works Company, and to give said Company additional
powers.

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

SECTION. 1. The organization of Public Works Company,
2 a corporation organized under the general laws of the
3 State of Maine, and the certificate of organization of which
4 corporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State,
5 on the first day of November, 1889, is hereby ratified and
6 confirmed.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have all the powers
2 specified in its said certificate of organization, and may
3 carry on and operate water works, gas works, electric light
4 and power works, lines and systems, cable, electric, and

5 horse railways (but not railways operated by steam) ; and
6 generally all public and private works, buildings and plants.

SECT. 3. Said corporation may purchase or lease the
2 property and business of any persons or corporations, and
3 may issue its own stock or bonds, or both, in payment
4 therefor, and it may issue its bonds secured by a mortgage
5 or mortgages upon its property and franchises to such an
6 amount as may be necessary for its purposes ; and it may
7 assume and bind itself to pay outstanding obligations of
8 such persons or corporations as a part of the consideration
9 for such purchase.

SECT. 4. Any corporation existing under the laws of
2 this State may, by a majority vote of its stockholders, at
3 a meeting duly called for the purpose, vote to sell or lease
4 its property and franchises to said Public Works Company
5 and to receive in payment therefor the stock or bonds or
6 stock and bonds of said Public Works Company, and cash
7 in such proportions as may be agreed upon.

SECT. 5. Any city, town or county may authorize said
2 corporation to lay, operate and maintain water pipes or
3 mains within its streets or roads, and any city, town,
4 county or public institution may contract with said corpor-
5 ation to supply water to such city, town, county or public
6 institution for municipal, domestic, sanitary, or fire pur-
7 poses ; and may authorize said corporation to erect poles
8 and stretch wires, and operate and maintain the same in,
9 upon, and over such streets or roads, for the purpose of
10 conducting electricity by means of such wires for purposes
11 of power and lighting, and may contract with said corpor-
12 ation for power or lighting the streets and public build-
13 ings of such cities, towns, counties or public institutions ;

14 and may authorize said corporation to dig up such streets
15 and roads for the purpose of laying railway tracks thereon,
16 and to maintain such tracks and operate railway cars
17 thereon by horse or cable power or by electricity; and
18 may authorize said corporation to lay, operate and main-
19 tain gas pipes within such streets or roads, and may con-
20 tract with said corporation for lighting the streets and
21 public buildings of such cities, towns, counties and public
22 institutions.

SECT. 6. Said corporation may take and hold real
2 estate by purchase, lease or otherwise as may be necessary
3 for carrying out any of its purposes; and if said corpor-
4 ation and the owner or owners of such real estate cannot
5 agree upon the price to be paid therefor, the value of the
6 real estate so taken shall be determined by the Commis-
7 sioners of the county where such real estate is situated,
8 on petition of either party. Damages and values shall be
9 assessed and estimated as in the case of laying out of
10 highways, and from the award of the County Commis-
11 sioners either party may appeal to the Supreme Judicial
12 Court.

SECT. 7. Said corporation may become a stockholder
2 in any other corporation of similar purposes in whole or in
3 part.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 30, 1891.

Presented by Mr. MAYO of Penobscot, and on motion by Mr. MOORE of Cumberland, laid on table to be printed, pending reference to Committee on Legal Affairs.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*