

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 120.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Pittsfield Village Corporation.

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

SECTION 1. The territory embraced within the limits
2 of school districts numbers four and seven in the town of
3 Pittsfield together with the inhabitants thereon is hereby
4 created a body politic and corporate by the name of the
5 Pittsfield Village Corporation.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered, at
2 any legal meeting called for that purpose, or at its annual
3 meeting, to raise money for organizing and maintaining a
4 fire department, for the purchase and repair of apparatus,
5 for the extinguishment of fires, for a supply of water
6 from any incorporated company for fire and municipal

7 purposes and for the purpose of maintaining water works
8 and supplying water for same purposes, for lighting
9 streets, for sewers, for night watch and for a police force.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the
2 purposes aforesaid shall be assessed upon the property
3 and polls within the said territory by the assessors of said
4 corporation in the same manner as county and town taxes
5 and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said
6 property by the assessors of the town of Pittsfield and
7 assess the tax thereon if the corporation shall so direct ;
8 and may abate any tax by them assessed. The tax on
9 polls shall not exceed the sum of one dollar to any person
10 in any one year, and the tax on property, in any one year,
11 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent on a dollar, of
12 the valuation of said property within the limits of said
13 territory.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the said
2 assessors by the clerk of said corporation of the amount
3 of money raised for the purposes aforesaid at any meet-
4 ing, it shall be the duty of said assessors as soon as may
5 be, to assess said amount upon the polls and estates of the
6 persons residing on the territory aforesaid and upon the
7 estates of non-resident proprietors thereof and they shall
8 certify and deliver the assessments so made to the col-
9 lector, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like
10 manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by
11 towns, and to pay over the same to the treasurer of said
12 corporation who shall receive the same and pay it out to
13 order or by direction of said corporation, and keep a
14 regular account of all moneys received and paid out and
15 exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested ; and

16 said corporation shall have the same power to direct the
17 mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collec-
18 tion of town taxes.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist
2 of a clerk, treasurer, three assessors, collector, agent, fire
3 wardens, and such other officers as may be provided for in
4 the by-laws thereof; and said officers shall severally have
5 exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of
6 said corporation that similar officers now have or may have,
7 chosen by towns.

SECT. 6. Said corporation at any legal meeting thereof
2 may adopt a code of by-laws not repugnant to the laws of
3 this State for the efficient management of the municipal
4 affairs of said corporation.

SECT. 7. All the officers shall be chosen by ballot and
2 sworn; the first election to be at the meeting called to
3 accept this act and the annual election of officers thereafter
4 shall be in the month of March.

SECT. 8. The collector and treasurer shall give bonds
2 in double the tax so raised to be approved by the clerk and
3 assessors.

SECT. 9. William Dobson, James F. Connor and Den-
2 nison Walker or either of them are hereby authorized to
3 call the first meeting of said corporation and to notify the
4 legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and
5 place within the limits aforesaid by posting like notices in
6 two public places within said limits seven days at least
7 before the time of said meeting and either of said persons
8 may preside at said meetings until after its organization
9 and until after a moderator shall be chosen by ballot and
10 sworn and at all meetings of the corporation a moderator

11 shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers
12 as in town meetings.

SECT. 10. All persons liable to be taxed for polls
2 residing in the limits of said corporation shall be legal
3 voters at any meeting.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved by
2 the Governor so far as to empower the first meeting of said
3 corporation to be called; and this act shall take and have
4 complete effect in all its parts when accepted at any meet-
5 ing of said corporation by a majority vote of the legal
6 voters present and voting at said meeting.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 25, 1891.

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on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.