

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 253.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Milbridge Village Corporation.

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

SECTION 1. The territory in the town of Milbridge,
2 comprising all of school districts number three and num-
3 ber four, together with the inhabitants thereon, is hereby
4 created a body politic and corporate, by the name of
5 Milbridge Village Corporation, with all the rights and
6 privileges provided by the laws of the State relating to
7 similar corporations.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and
2 vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the
3 purpose, to raise money to defray the expenses of a night

4 watch, a police force, of lighting the streets, and all other
5 necessary measures for the better security of life and
6 property, and for the promotion of good order and quiet
7 within its limits; for the purchase, repair and preserva-
8 tion of one or more fire engines, engine houses, hose,
9 buckets, ladders or other apparatus for the extinguish-
10 ment of fires, for the construction and repair of reservoirs
11 and aqueducts to supply water, and for organizing and
12 maintaining within the limits of said territory an efficient
13 fire department.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the
2 purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property
3 and polls within the territory aforesaid, by the assessors
4 of said corporation in the same manner as is by law pro-
5 vided for the assessment of town taxes, and said assessors
6 may copy the last valuation of said property by the
7 assessors of the town of Milbridge and assess the tax
8 thereon; or if the corporation shall so direct, may correct
9 said valuation, or make a new valuation thereof, accord-
10 ing to the principles established by the last State tax, and
11 assess the tax on that valuation.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors
2 of said corporation by the clerk thereof of the amount of
3 money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid,
4 it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be,
5 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 lists of

8 the assessments so made, to certify and deliver to the
9 collector 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 direction of the corporation, and keep a regular
14 account of all moneys received and paid out, and exhibit
15 the same to the assessors whenever requested; and said
16 corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode
17 of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of
18 town taxes.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist
2 of a clerk, treasurer, collector, assessors, fire wardens,
3 board of police officers, and such other officers as may
4 be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation; the
5 said fire wardens to have exclusively all the power and
6 authority within the limits of said corporation that fire
7 wardens have or may have, chosen by towns at town
8 meeting; the said board of police officers to consist of
9 such number as the corporation may decide, who shall
10 be duly sworn, and have power to execute all warrants,
11 and have the same power to prevent public disturbances,
12 and preserve public peace within said corporation as is
13 given by the laws of this State to constables, and to
14 restrain all infractions of, and carry into effect such by-
15 laws as said corporation shall adopt in pursuance of this
16 act.

SECT. 6. The said corporation, at any legal meeting
2 thereof called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws
3 and provisions, not inconsistent with the laws and con-
4 stitution of this State and the United States, as they may
5 deem expedient and necessary for the better government
6 and regulation of the municipal affairs within said corpo-
7 ration, in which case such by-laws and provisions so
8 adopted shall extend to said corporation as fully to all
9 intents and purposes as the other provisions of this act,
10 subject only to alterations or additions by a two-thirds
11 vote at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the
12 purpose.

SECT. 7. All officers of said corporation shall be chosen
2 by ballot, and sworn to the faithful performance of their
3 duties, the first election to be at the meeting of the legal
4 voters of the corporation called to accept this charter, and
5 the annual election of officers shall be in the month of
6 April.

SECT. 8. The clerk shall keep a record of all the
2 doing and proceedings at the meetings of the said corpo-
3 ration.

SECT. 9. The collector and treasurer shall give bond
2 in double the amount of the taxes so raised, to the inhabi-
3 tants of said corporation, which bond shall be approved by
4 the assessors and clerk.

SECT. 10. Jasper Wyman, F. W. Sawyer, H. H. Gray
2 and Winslow M. Sawyer or either of them are authorized
3 to call the first meeting of said corporation, by posting

4 three notices in public and conspicuous places in said
5 village, stating the time, place and objects of said meet-
6 ing, at least seven days before the time of holding the
7 same ; all subsequent meetings shall be called and notified
8 in like manner by order of the assessors ; and a meeting
9 shall at any time be called on the written application of
10 seven legal voters to said assessors, stating the time,
11 place and purposes for which said meeting is requested.

SECT. 11. All persons liable to be taxed for polls,
2 residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal
3 voters at any meeting of said corporation.

SECT. 12. In the meeting prescribed in section ten of
2 this act, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the ques-
3 tion of accepting this charter, and if a majority shall vote
4 in favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and the
5 corporation shall proceed to organize and choose its officers.

SECT. 13. This act shall take effect when approved,
2 but shall not be binding on said corporation unless
3 accepted by them as hereinbefore provided.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 3, 1893.

Reported by Mr. HAMLIN of Ellsworth, from Committee on Judiciary,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*