

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 136.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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**AN ACT to Incorporate the Dixfield Village Corporation.**

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*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 what was known as school district number one, or the  
3 village district, in the town of Dixfield, together with the  
4 inhabitants thereon, be, and the same is hereby created  
5 a body politic and corporate by the name of the Dixfield  
6 Village Corporation.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with  
2 power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise  
3 by assessment or by loan such sums of money as may be  
4 sufficient for organizing and maintaining within the limits of  
5 said corporation, an efficient fire department; for build-  
6 ing, purchasing, renting, repairing and maintaining engine

7 houses, hook and ladder carriage houses, and lockups or  
8 police stations ; for purchasing, repairing and maintaining  
9 fire engines, hose, ladders, buckets, machines and other  
10 apparatus for the extinguishment and prevention of fire ;  
11 for the location, construction and repairs of reservoirs and  
12 aqueducts ; for the procuring of water and pumps, pipes,  
13 hydrants and machinery for handling and distributing the  
14 same ; for building, repairing and maintaining sidewalks ;  
15 for building, repairing and maintaining sewers ; for setting  
16 out, maintaining and caring for shade trees and lighting  
17 the streets ; for the purchasing or renting real estate for  
18 any of the above purposes ; to pay for the services of one  
19 or more police officers, night watchmen or any other  
20 officers, to whom the said corporation may vote a salary  
21 or other compensasion ; and for the support and mainte-  
22 nance of schools, and may receive hold and manage devices,  
23 bequests or gifts for any of the above purposes, *provided*,  
24 *however*, that all that portion of said district number one  
25 that is situated northerly from the homestead of Wallace  
26 E. Hutchinson and northerly from the homestead farm of  
27 Melissa J. Randall and northerly and easterly from the  
28 homestead farm of Cyrus W. Bartlett and easterly from  
29 the homestead farm of Geo. G. Gates, together with all  
30 personal property on the same and occupants thereof are  
31 hereby exempted from the provisions of this act except  
32 for money raised for educational purposes.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby empowered to  
2 take stock in the Dixfield and Peru Bridge Company to  
3 the amount of four thousand dollars, provided a major-  
4 ity of the legal voters of said corporation, present and vot-  
5 ing at a legal meeting, called for the purpose, authorize

6 the same, and may raise the amount voted for that pur-  
7 pose by assessment or by loan.

SECT. 4. Any money raised by said corporation for the  
2 purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property  
3 and polls within the territory, by the assessors of said  
4 corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law  
5 for the assessment of county and town taxes, and said  
6 assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by  
7 the assessors of the town of Dixfield, and assess the tax  
8 thereon, if said corporation shall so direct, and may abate  
9 any tax by them so assessed, the tax on polls not to ex-  
10 ceed the sum of one dollar to any one person in one year.

SECT. 5. Upon a certificate being filed with the asses-  
2 sors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount  
3 of 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 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 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. 6. The officers of said corporation shall consist  
2 of a clerk, treasurer, assessors, collector and such other  
3 officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said cor-  
4 poration, said officers shall have the same authority within  
5 said corporation that similar officers have in town affairs.

SECT. 7. Said corporation at any legal meeting thereof  
2 may adopt a code of by-laws for the government of the  
3 same, and for the efficient management of the fire depart-  
4 ment aforesaid, provided the said by-laws are not repug-  
5 nant to the laws of the State.

SECT. 8. All the officers of said corporation shall be  
2 chosen by ballot and sworn to the faithful performance of  
3 their duties; the first election to be at the meeting of the  
4 legal voters of said corporation, called to accept this char-  
5 ter, and the annual election of officers shall be in the  
6 month of March.

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

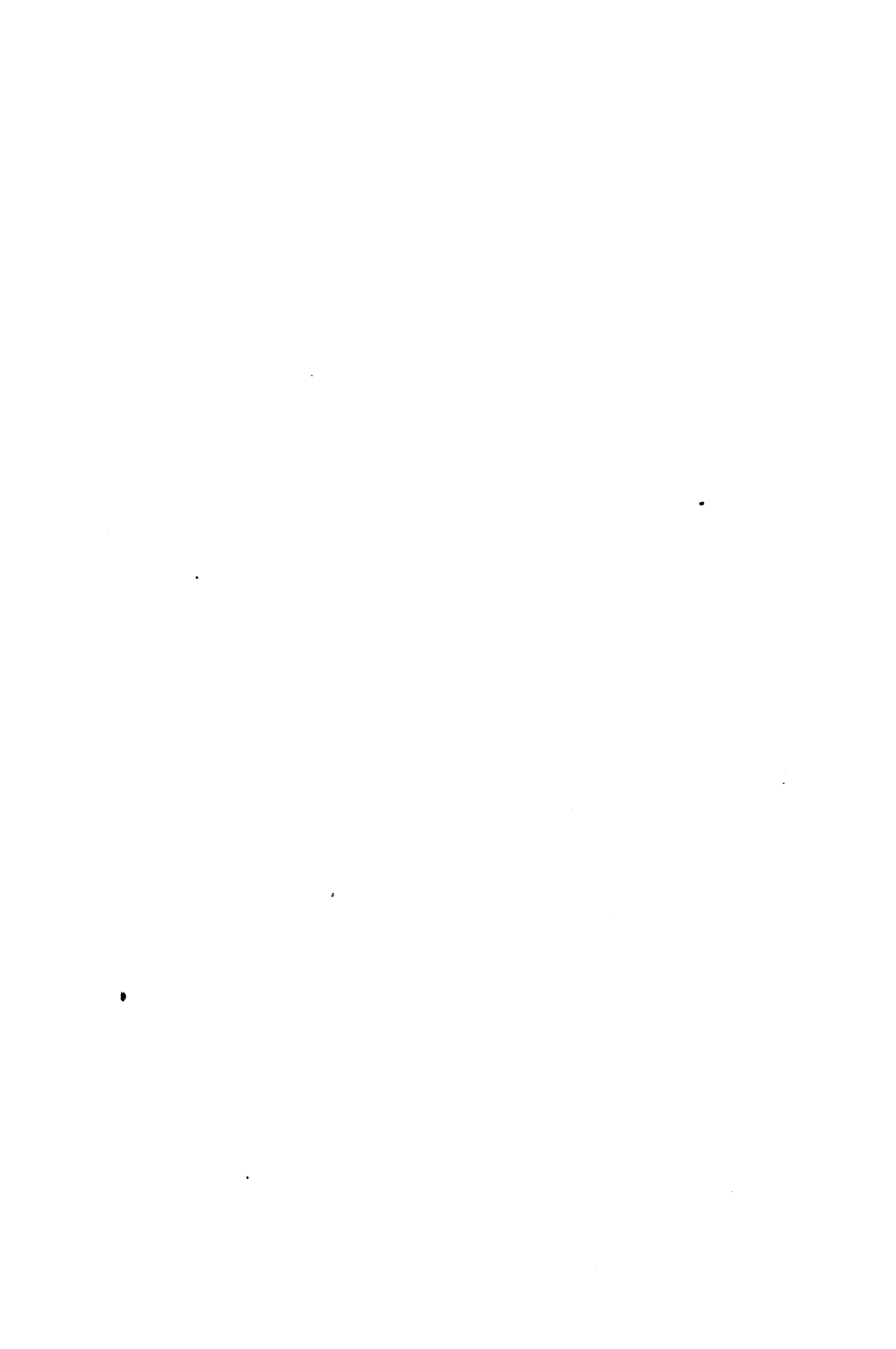
SECT. 10. John S. Harlow, Hiram M. Cox, Henry O.  
2 Stanley, or either of them are hereby authorized to call  
3 the first meeting of the said corporation, and to notify  
4 the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and  
5 place within the limits aforesaid, by pasting up notices in  
6 two public places within said limits, seven days at least  
7 before the time of said meeting, and either of said persons  
8 are authorized to preside at said meeting until after its  
9 organization, and until after a moderator shall have been  
10 chosen by ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of the

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

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

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect when approved by  
2 the governor, so far as to empower the first meeting of  
3 said corporation to be called, and if this charter shall be  
4 accepted at said first meeting of said corporation, by a  
5 majority of the legal voters of said corporation, then the  
6 same shall take and have complete effect in all its parts.







STATE OF MAINE.

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KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*