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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 95.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT creating the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

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

SECTION 1. The land in the towns of Rumford and  
2 Peru embraced within the following limits, viz:

Commencing in the town of Rumford at the north-east  
4 corner of the old Joshua Hall farm now owned by F. A.  
5 Porter (on the westerly bank of Swift river) thence west-  
6 erly by the said Porter's north line to the easterly line of  
7 second division of lot number ten (10) in Rumford;  
8 thence southerly by the east line of said lot number ten  
9 (10) to the south-east corner thereof, thence westerly by  
10 the north line of the old Seth P. Abbott farm now owned  
11 by Waldo Pettengill to the north-west corner thereof;  
12 thence southerly and easterly by the boundaries of said  
13 Abbott farm to the north-westerly corner of the old

14 Nathan Knapp farm, thence southerly by the west line of  
15 said farm to the north-west corner of the old Rufus Virgin  
16 farm, thence easterly and southerly by the westerly line  
17 of said farm to the Androscoggin river (above the Falls),  
18 thence across said river to the easterly bank thereof and  
19 thence southerly by said easterly bank to the north line of  
20 Elisha D. Fuller's farm; thence easterly by said Fuller's  
21 north line to the easterly line of the town of Rumford;  
22 thence northerly by the town line between Rumford and  
23 Peru to the north-west corner of C. F. Smith's farm in  
24 the town of Peru; thence easterly by said Smith's north  
25 line to the Androscoggin river; thence northerly and  
26 westerly by the Androscoggin river to the mouth of Swift  
27 river; thence northerly by Swift river to the bound begun  
28 at.

Together with the inhabitants thereon be and the same  
30 is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the  
31 name of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and  
2 vested with the power, at any legal meeting called for the  
3 purpose, to raise money for the following purposes: To  
4 create and maintain a fire department, with all necessary  
5 engines, equipments, appliances and apparatus for the  
6 prevention and extinguishment of fires; to light its streets  
7 and to procure water for fire and municipal purposes, and  
8 said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to  
9 contract with any individual, firm or corporation to furnish  
10 lights and water, either, or both, for the purposes afore-  
11 said; to maintain a suitable and sufficient police force and  
12 night watch; to increase the efficiency of the town board  
13 of health within the limits of said village corporation, and

14 to build, repair and maintain suitable and adequate sewers,  
15 also for the support and maintenance of schools, and may  
16 receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for  
17 any of the above purposes.

SECT. 3. All moneys which shall be raised for the pur-  
2 poses aforesaid, or for any other purposes for which the  
3 corporation may lawfully raise money, shall be assessed  
4 upon the taxable polls and estates embraced within the  
5 limits of the corporation by the assessors thereof, in the  
6 same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of  
7 town and county taxes, and said assessors may copy and  
8 adopt the last valuation of the property within said  
9 corporation as made by the assessors of said towns of  
10 Peru and Rumford respectively, and assess the tax thereon,  
11 or they may correct said valuation, or may make a new  
12 one thereof, and assess the tax on that valuation, and may  
13 make abatements of taxes in the same manner as assessors  
14 of towns may do, but the tax on polls shall not exceed  
15 one dollar, at any one assessment, to any one person, in  
16 any one year. The whole tax assessed on the property  
17 for all purposes in any one year shall not exceed one per  
18 cent of the last valuation as made or adopted by the  
19 assessors of said corporation, provided, however, said  
20 corporation shall have the right to raise money by loan for  
21 the purposes aforesaid at a legal meeting called therefor,  
22 but the total indebtedness incurred thereby shall at no  
23 time exceed two per cent of the valuation aforesaid.

SECT. 4. The officers of said corporation shall be a  
2 clerk, treasurer, three assessors, collector and three fire  
3 wardens, who shall be chosen by ballot, and such other  
4 officers as the by-laws of said corporation may require.

5 Said corporation is empowered to adopt, at any legal  
6 meeting, called for that purpose, a code of by-laws for  
7 the government of the same, and for the management of  
8 its fire department aforesaid, and for the proper manage-  
9 ment of its prudential affairs and other purposes connected  
10 therewith, provided, said by-laws are not repugnant to the  
11 laws of the state. The officers aforesaid shall be sworn  
12 before the clerk or a justice of the peace, and the collec-  
13 tor and treasurer shall each give bond to the inhabitants  
14 of said corporation, in such sum as the assessors may  
15 direct, which bond shall be approved by the assessors and  
16 clerk.

SECT. 5. Said assessors shall be the general municipal  
2 officers of said corporation and shall have general charge of  
3 its affairs and of the expenditure of all money therein,  
4 except so far as the same may be committed to other offi-  
5 cers or persons.

SECT. 6. The fire wardens shall have exclusively all  
2 the power and authority within the limits of said corpora-  
3 tion that fire wardens have, or may have, chosen by towns  
4 in town meeting. The compensation of all the officers  
5 herein provided for shall be fixed by the corporation.

SECT. 7. Upon a certificate being filed with the asses-  
2 sors of said corporation, by the clerk thereof, of the  
3 amount of money voted to be raised by taxation, at any  
4 meeting, for any of the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the  
5 duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said  
6 amount upon the polls and estates of persons residing  
7 within said corporation, and upon the estates of non-resi-  
8 dent proprietors thereof, and to certify and deliver, the  
9 lists of the assessments so made to the collector, whose

10 duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as  
11 county and town taxes are by law collected by collec-  
12 tors for towns. And said collector shall pay over all  
13 moneys collected by him to the treasurer of said corpora-  
14 tion, whenever the assessors shall so direct. It shall be  
15 the duty of the treasurer of said corporation to receive all  
16 money belonging to the corporation, and to pay it out  
17 only upon the written order or direction of the assessors,  
18 and to keep a regular account of all moneys received and  
19 paid out, and to exhibit the same to the assessors when-  
20 ever requested.

And said corporation shall have the same power to  
22 direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in  
23 the collection of town taxes. And said collector shall  
24 have the same rights and powers to recover any taxes  
25 committed to him, by suit, that town collectors have by  
26 law to recover any taxes committed to them, and the cor-  
27 poration shall have the same rights that towns have by  
28 law to recover taxes by suit.

SECT. 8. All persons residing within the limits of said  
2 corporation, who would be legal voters in either the towns  
3 of Rumford or Peru, shall be legal voters at any meeting  
4 of said corporation.

SECT. 9. C. N. Waite, A. E. Morrison or Waldo  
2 Pettengill, or either of them, are hereby authorized to  
3 call the first meeting of said corporation, and to notify  
4 the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and  
5 place within the limits aforesaid, by posting up notices in  
6 two public and conspicuous places within said limits, also  
7 by publishing a copy of said notice in the Rumford Falls  
8 Times, seven days at least before the time of said meet-

9 ing, and either of said persons are authorized to preside  
10 at said meeting until after its organization, and until after  
11 a moderator shall have been chosen by ballot and sworn,  
12 and at all meetings of the said corporation a moderator  
13 shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers  
14 as in town meetings.

SECT. 10. The assessors shall call all subsequent meet-  
2 ings of the corporation by posting up notices thereof at  
3 two public and conspicuous places within the limits of  
4 said corporation, and causing a copy of said notice to be  
5 published in some newspaper published within the limits  
6 of said corporation, if any, stating the time, place and  
7 object of each meeting, seven days at least before the  
8 time appointed for the meeting.

The annual meetings for the election of officers of said  
10 corporation, after the first, shall be held in the month of  
11 March in each year. In case the assessors of said corpora-  
12 tion unreasonably refuse to call a meeting, any justice of  
13 the peace may call a meeting of the corporation, on peti-  
14 tion of ten legal voters, by posting and publishing notice  
15 in the manner hereinbefore provided.

SECT. 11. At any first meeting of said corporation, called  
2 agreeable to section nine of this act at any time prior to the  
3 first day of January, A. D. 1896, the legal voters within  
4 said territory shall by ballot vote on the question of accept-  
5 ing this charter, and if a majority of the voters present and  
6 voting at said meeting, shall vote in favor of its acceptance,  
7 then this act shall take effect, and the corporation shall then  
8 proceed to organize and choose its officers.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect from and after its  
2 approval by the governor, so far as to empower the calling

3 of said first meeting, and if its charter shall be accepted,  
4 as provided in section 11 of this act, then the same shall  
5 take and have complete effect in all its parts.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*