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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 229.

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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 to incorporate the Van Buren Village Corporation.

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

SECTION 1. So much of the territory of the town of  
2 Van Buren as is bounded on the easterly side by the line  
3 dividing said town from Hamlin plantation ; on the north-  
4 easterly side by the St. John river ; on the north-westerly  
5 side by the north-westerly side line of Michael Violette's  
6 homestead farm ; and on the south-westerly by the rear  
7 line of the river lots from the westerly corner of Michael  
8 Violette's farm as far as the line which divides said town  
9 of Van Buren from Cyr plantation ; thence following said  
10 Cyr plantation line as far as the Hamlin plantation line  
11 above-mentioned, and comprising the territory upon which

12 is situated Van Buren village in the town of Van Buren,  
13 together with the inhabitants thereon residing, be and are  
14 hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name  
15 of the Van Buren Village Corporation, with all of the  
16 powers and privileges ordinarily granted to such corpora-  
17 tions whether the same shall be specifically mentioned in  
18 this act or otherwise.

SECT. 2. Said corporation at any legal meeting called  
2 for that purpose may raise such sum or sums of money as  
3 may be required for the purchase, repair and preservation  
4 of one or more fire engines, building of engine-houses, and  
5 all other things connected therewith, for the construction  
6 of reservoirs, aqueducts and hydrants for the procuring of  
7 water and for the organizing and maintaining within the  
8 limits of said territory an efficient fire department. Said  
9 corporation shall in like manner have power to raise such  
10 sum or sums of money as may be required to build and  
11 maintain a system of drains and sewers and to provide  
12 water to be used in connection therewith; to raise such  
13 sum or sums of money as may be required for the purpose  
14 of purchasing the property and franchise of the Van Buren  
15 Water Company, or of such individual or individuals as  
16 are now supplying said village or any part thereof with  
17 water, and to extend said water-works to every part of  
18 the territory hereby incorporated, and to exercise the right  
19 of eminent domain within said limits for the purpose of  
20 obtaining the water and extending the works as aforesaid,  
21 and in taking water or land as aforesaid for the purposes  
22 aforesaid said village corporation shall be liable to pay all  
23 damages sustained by any person by such taking, and if  
24 any person sustaining damages as aforesaid, and said corp-

25 oration cannot mutually agree upon the sum to be paid  
26 therefor, such person may cause his damages to be ascer-  
27 tained in the same manner and under the same conditions,  
28 restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the  
29 case of damages by the laying out of high-ways. Said  
30 corporation shall file in the Northern registry of deeds in  
31 the county of Aroostook, plans of the location of all land  
32 and water rights taken under the provisions of this act ;  
33 and no entry shall be made on any lands except to make  
34 surveys, until the expiration of ten days from said filing ;  
35 and with such plan the said corporation may file a state-  
36 ment of the damages it is willing to pay to any person for  
37 the property so taken, and if the amount finally awarded  
38 does not exceed that sum, said corporation shall recover  
39 costs against said person, otherwise such person shall  
40 recover costs against said corporation. And said corpora-  
41 tion may supply the inhabitants of said village with water  
42 upon such terms as its officers shall determine, and said  
43 corporation shall also have the right to raise such sum or  
44 sums of money as may be required for the purpose of light-  
45 ing the streets of said village, and also for the purpose of  
46 furnishing light for the inhabitants of said village upon  
47 such terms as its officers shall determine. Said corpora-  
48 tion shall also have the right to raise such sum or sums  
49 as may be required for building a public hall, for making  
50 and improving public streets, planting shade trees, pur-  
51 chasing land for public parks and improving and orna-  
52 menting the same. Said corporation shall also have the  
53 right of raising such sum or sums as may be required for  
54 establishing a public library, and maintaining the same.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the  
2 purpose aforesaid shall be assessed upon the property and

3 polls within the territory aforesaid by the assessors of said  
4 corporation in the same manner as is provided by law for  
5 the assessment of municipal taxes and said assessors may  
6 adopt the last preceding valuation of said property made  
7 by the assessors of the town of Van Buren and assess the  
8 tax thereon, if said corporation shall so direct, may cor-  
9 rect said valuation or make a new valuation thereof and  
10 assess the same on that valuation.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the asses-  
2 sors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the  
3 amount of money raised at any meeting for the purpose  
4 aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors as soon as  
5 may be, to assess said amount upon the estates and polls  
6 of persons residing on the territory aforesaid and upon  
7 the estates and polls of persons residing on the territory  
8 aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors  
9 thereof and to certify and deliver the assessment to the  
10 treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it  
11 shall be, and he shall have the same authority to collect  
12 the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by  
13 law collected by towns.

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

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 consti-  
4 tution 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 corpor-  
7 ation, 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 and additions by a two-third  
11 vote, at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the  
12 purpose.

SECT. 7. All meetings of said corporation after the first  
2 shall be notified by warrant of the assessors, notices of  
3 which shall be posted up in two public places within its  
4 limits seven days prior to the meeting, stating the time,  
5 place and purposes of the meeting, and a meeting shall at  
6 any time be called on the written application of seven legal  
7 voters to said assessors, stating the time, place and purpose  
8 for which said meeting is requested.

SECT. 8. Henry A. Gagnon, Joseph F. Theriault,  
2 Allan E. Hammond, Abraham J. Dubay and Peter C.  
3 Keegan or either of them may call a meeting for the pur-  
4 pose of organizing said village corporation and for that  
5 purpose may notify the legal voters thereof to meet at  
6 some suitable time and place within the limits aforesaid,  
7 the notice to be posted up in two public and conspicuous  
8 places within said limits seven days at least before the  
9 time of said meeting, and either of said persons is author-  
10 ized to preside at said meeting until after its organization  
11 and until its officers shall be chosen and sworn and after-  
12 wards at all regular meetings of said corporation, a mod-  
13 erator shall be chosen in the same manner and with the  
14 same powers as in town meetings.

SECT. 9. The clerk, assessors, treasurer, collector and  
2 fire wardens of said corporation shall be chosen by ballot

3 and the remaining officers shall be appointed by the assess-  
4 sors and all shall be sworn to the faithful performance of  
5 their duties. The treasurer and collector shall give bonds  
6 in double the amount of the tax to be raised which bond  
7 shall in each case be approved by the assessors and clerk.

SECT. 10. For any of the purposes named in this act  
2 the corporation may at any legal meeting or meetings called  
3 for the purpose, vote to issue its bonds to an amount not  
4 exceeding in all five per cent of its valuation and bearing  
5 not more than six per cent interest.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved by  
2 the governor so far as to authorize the calling of a meeting  
3 or meetings for the purpose of accepting the act and organ-  
4 izing under the same, and this act shall take and have com-  
5 plete effect in all its parts when accepted at any meeting of  
6 said corporation by a majority vote of the legal voters vot-  
7 ing at said meeting.





STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 27, 1895. }

Reported by Mr. KEEGAN of Van Buren, from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*