

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 270.

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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 Rumford Falls Sluice and  
Improvement Company.

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

SECTION 1. Hugh J. Chisholm, Charles D. Brown, Allen  
2 M. Fletcher, Waldo Pettengill, Edward Plummer, George  
3 D. Bisbee, their associates and successors, be and are  
4 hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name  
5 of the Rumford Falls Sluice and Improvement Company,  
6 with all the powers, rights and privileges of similar cor-  
7 porations, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may build and maintain a  
2 sluice or sluices over Rumford Falls in the town of  
3 Rumford and county of Oxford, commencing near the  
4 upper dam at the head of said falls and terminating in the

5 Androscoggin river at or near the railroad bridge of the  
6 Rumford Falls and Rangeley Lakes Railroad ; to facilitate  
7 the driving of logs and other lumber over said falls, and  
8 for said purpose said corporation may build said sluice of  
9 wood or other material, excavate the same in the earth or  
10 through ledge, may remove rocks, may build side dams  
11 and make such other improvements as may be necessary  
12 to render the same of practical use to improve and facili-  
13 tate the driving of logs, pulp wood and other lumber over  
14 said falls subject to section three of this act.

SECT. 3. The Rumford Falls Power Company, a cor-  
2 poration duly organized under the laws of this state,  
3 owning the land and water rights at Rumford Falls, shall  
4 have the right, by their engineer, to locate any and all  
5 sluices or other improvements that may be made under  
6 the provisions of this act, and no sluice or other improve-  
7 ments shall be commenced, built or maintained, which  
8 shall in any way damage or interfere with the full use,  
9 occupancy and enjoyment which said Rumford Falls Power  
10 Company now legally has to the land and water rights at  
11 Rumford Falls for manufacturing purposes ; and the said  
12 improvements shall not be built or maintained without the  
13 written approval of said power company or its engineer.  
14 And after said approval shall have been obtained, the  
15 same may be constructed and maintained, and said Rum-  
16 ford Falls Power Company shall waive all claims on  
17 account of damage for the location, construction and  
18 maintenance of said improvements ; also furnish a suffi-  
19 cient amount of water to operate said sluice.

SECT. 4. Said corporation, after it shall have con-  
2 structed said sluice and other improvements contemplated

3 by this act, may demand and receive a toll of ten cents  
4 per thousand feet, board measure, woods scale, for logs  
5 and lumber of all kinds, and five cents per cord for pulp  
6 wood that shall pass over said falls, and said corporation  
7 shall have a lien on all such logs, lumber and pulp wood  
8 until the full amount of toll for the same is paid; and if  
9 not paid within thirty days after the same shall arrive at  
10 their place of manufacture or destination, said corporation  
11 may sell at public auction, after twenty days notice pub-  
12 lished in some newspaper printed in the county where  
13 said logs, lumber or pulp wood lie, so much of said logs,  
14 lumber or pulp wood as may be necessary to pay said toll  
15 and all incidental charges.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall keep a true and accu-  
2 rate account of the cost of such improvement as shall be  
3 made, together with necessary repairs for the maintenance  
4 of the same, which shall be open to inspection at all times  
5 to land owners or operators, who wish to drive logs, pulp  
6 wood or other lumber over said falls, and when the toll  
7 received shall have paid the cost of improvements thereon  
8 and annual interest then said toll shall be reduced to a  
9 sum sufficient to keep said improvements in repair and  
10 make such necessary repairs as may be needed to maintain  
11 the same.

SECT. 6. This corporation shall at all proper times keep  
2 a reasonable number of men to operate said sluice or  
3 sluices, who shall cause all logs, pulp wood and other lum-  
4 ber to be passed into and through the same with all reason-  
5 able dispatch. The expenses of said men and their equip-  
6 ment to be paid by the corporation, charged to the expense  
7 of maintenance of said sluice and deducted from the toll  
8 account.

SECT. 7. The corporation shall have the right to adopt  
2 a code of by-laws for the government of its affairs, which  
3 shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the state.

SECT. 8. The capital stock shall not exceed twenty-five  
2 thousand dollars and be divided into shares of one hundred  
3 dollars each. The officers of the corporation shall consist  
4 of a board of directors not exceeding seven in number, one  
5 of whom shall be elected its president, also a clerk and a  
6 treasurer.

SECT. 9. Any two corporators may call the first meet-  
2 ing by delivering in hand or mailing to the last known post  
3 office address of their associates herein named a written or  
4 printed notice signed by them, stating the time, place and  
5 object of said meeting, fourteen days at least before the  
6 time of the same, and also by publishing said notice once  
7 at least in the Rumford Falls Times fourteen days before  
8 the time of said meeting, and a majority present may  
9 accept this charter.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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