

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 383.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company.

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

SECTION 1. Russell B. Shepherd, Thomas H. Ander-
2 son, Joseph P. Oak, Samuel W. Gould and Albert G.
3 Blunt, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby
4 constituted a corporation by the name of the Somerset
5 Traction Company, with authority to construct, maintain
6 and operate a street railroad by electricity, or animal
7 power or both with convenient single or double tracks,
8 side tracks, switches and turnouts, with necessary or con-
9 venient lines of poles, wires, appliances, appurtenances
10 or conduits, from the Maine Central Railroad tracks on
11 Russell street in the village of Skowhegan, and from the

12 Skowhegan and Norridgewock Railway and Power Com-
13 pany's tracks on Water street at the junction of Madison
14 street, in said village of Skowhegan, through the towns
15 of Skowhegan and Madison, to some point in the village
16 of Madison and from some convenient point on the line
17 of said road in the town of Madison, through the towns
18 of Madison, Cornville and Athens, to some point in the
19 village of Athens, passing over and upon such streets and
20 ways in said towns of Skowhegan, Madison, Cornville
21 and Athens, as shall from time to time be determined and
22 fixed by the municipal officers of said towns, and assented
23 to in writing by said corporation and shall also have
24 authority to construct, maintain, and operate said road,
25 over and upon any lands when the land damages have
26 been mutually settled by said corporation and the owners
27 thereof. The written assent of said corporation to any
28 vote of the municipal officers of either of said towns, pre-
29 scribing from time to time the routes of said railroad
30 therein, shall be filed with the clerks of said town and
31 shall be taken and deemed to be the location thereof.

Said corporation shall have power, from time to time, to
33 fix such rates of compensation for the transporting per-
34 sons and property as it may deem expedient, and shall
35 have all the powers, and be subject to all the liabilities of
36 corporations as set forth in the forty-sixth chapter of the
37 Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. The municipal officers of said towns shall have
2 power at all times to make such reasonable regulations for
3 the removal of snow and ice from the streets, roads and
4 ways by said company, at its expense, within each of said
5 towns as public safety may require.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall keep and maintain in
2 repair such portions of the streets and ways as shall be
3 occupied by the tracks of said railroad, and if not so
4 repaired upon reasonable notice, such repairs may be made
5 by said towns at the expense of said corporation.

SECT. 4. If any person or persons shall willfully or
2 maliciously obstruct said corporation in the use of its road
3 or tracks, or the running of its cars or carriages thereon,
4 such person and all who shall aid or abet therein, shall be
5 liable to said corporation for all damage caused thereon,
6 and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred
7 dollars or with imprisonment in the county jail for a period
8 not exceeding sixty days.

SECT. 5. The capital stock shall not exceed two hun-
2 dred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one
3 hundred dollars each.

SECT. 6. Said corporation shall have the power to lease,
2 purchase, sell or hold such real and personal estate as may
3 be necessary and convenient for the successful prosecution
4 of the business of the corporation.

SECT. 7. Said corporation shall have the right to change
2 the location of said railroad at any time, by first obtaining
3 the written consent of the municipal officers of the town
4 in which the change is sought to be made, and to make
5 additional locations subject to the foregoing provisions and
6 conditions.

SECT. 8. It is further authorized to carry on the busi-
2 ness of an express company. It may also erect and main-
3 tain hotels, cottages and pleasure grounds near and around
4 Hayden lake provided that the right of taking lands or
5 other property to be used for such last named purposes,
6 shall be acquired by purchase only.

SECT. 9. No other corporation or persons shall be permitted to construct and maintain any railroad for similar purposes, over the same streets or ways that may be lawfully occupied by this road or corporation; but any other corporation or persons operating any other electric railroad may run over or connect with the tracks of this corporation upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the parties, or if they cannot agree, their rights may be determined by the railroad commissioners for the State of Maine.

SECT. 10. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue mortgage bonds, to an amount not exceeding the capital stock, and on such time as may from time to time be determined in aid of the purposes specified in this act, and to secure the same by mortgage on its road and franchise.

SECT. 11. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by any one of the incorporators giving actual notice in writing to each of his several associates, and said corporation may make such by-laws as may be necessary and proper for the control and management thereof, and not contrary to the laws of the state.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 20, 1895. }

Reported by Mr. WILDES of Skowhegan, from Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, and ordered printed under house rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*