

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 161.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Bethel Light and Power Com-
pany.

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

SECTION 1. Gideon A. Hastings, Elias Thomas, Samuel
2 B. Twitchell, Addison E. Herrick, John M. Philbrook and
3 Josiah U. Purington, their associates, successors and as-
4 signs be and hereby are made a body politic and corporate,
5 by the name of the Bethel Light and Power Company, and
6 as such shall have and possess all the powers, and be sub-
7 ject to all the duties and obligations, conferred and imposed
8 on corporations by law, except as otherwise provided here-
9 in.

SECT. 2. Said company is authorized and empowered
2 to carry on the business of lighting by electricity or oth-
3 erwise, such public streets or ways in the town of Bethel

4 and such buildings and places therein, public and private,
5 as may be agreed upon by said corporation and the own-
6 ers or those having control of such places to be lighted,
7 and may furnish motive power by electricity or otherwise
8 within said town, and may build and operate manufacto-
9 ries and works for providing and supplying electricity,
10 light and power, and may lease, purchase and hold real
11 estate, and personal estate to the amount of \$80,000, and
12 to construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of wire or
13 other material for the transmission of electricity or power
14 upon, under, along and over any and all streets and ways
15 under the direction of the municipal officers of said towns.

SECT. 3. Said company shall repay to said town, any
2 sum of money which such town may have been compelled
3 to pay on any judgment, for any damages caused by a
4 defect or want of repair in the streets thereof, due to the
5 negligence of said company, or any judgment for damages
6 caused by the neglect of said company in the erecting and
7 maintaining posts, wires or appurtenances connected with
8 said business, *provided, however*, that said corporation
9 shall have notice of the commencement of any and all
10 suits for such damage, and shall have the right to defend
11 the same at its own expense.

SECT. 4. Said company shall not be allowed to ob-
2 struct or impair the use of any public or private drain, or
3 sewer, telegraph or telephone wire, but may cross, or when
4 necessary, change the direction of any private wire or pipe,
5 drain or sewer, in such a manner as not to obstruct or
6 impair the use thereof, being responsible to the owner or
7 other person for any injury occasioned thereby, in an ac-
8 tion on the case.

SECT. 5. Damages for any land or other property, 2 taken for the purpose of erecting or laying said lines, if 3 the parties cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and 4 paid the same as damages in the construction of railroads.

SECT. 6. The capital stock of said company shall be 2 \$10,000 divided into shares of \$100 each with the privilege 3 of increasing said capital stock from time to time as the 4 stockholders may determine, to any sum not exceeding 5 \$80,000, and said company is hereby authorized to issue 6 bonds in such amount and upon such rates and time as it 7 may determine, and secure the same by a mortgage of its 8 franchises and property.

SECT. 7. The first meeting may be called by either 2 corporator, giving five days' written notice, by mail, to his 3 associates, stating the time and place thereof, or by publi- 4 cation of said notice, at least once in a newspaper pub- 5 lished in Oxford county, said publication to be at least five 6 days before said meeting.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 27, 1895.

Reported by Mr. HARLOW, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.