

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 251.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Wilton Electric Light and Power  
Company.

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

Section 1. Dr. A. B. Adams, H. R. Dascomb, M.  
2 Holmes, H. S. Houghton and C. N. Blanchard, their asso-  
3 ciates, successors and assigns are hereby constituted a cor-  
4 poration by the name of the Wilton Electric Light and  
5 Power Company, with all the powers and subject to all the  
6 liabilities of corporations.

Sect. 2. Said company is authorized and empowered to  
2 carry on the business of lighting by electricity or other-  
3 wise, such public streets in the towns of Wilton, Jay and

4 Farmington, and such buildings and places therein, public  
5 and private as may be agreed upon by said corporation and  
6 the owners or those having control of such places to be  
7 lighted, and may furnish motive power by electricity or  
8 otherwise within said towns and may build and operate  
9 manufactories and works for providing and supplying elec-  
10 tricity, light and power, and may take, lease, purchase and  
11 hold real estate, and personal estate to the amount of one  
12 hundred thousand dollars, and to construct, lay, maintain  
13 and operate lines of wire or other material for the trans-  
14 mission of electricity or power, upon, under, along and  
15 over any and all streets and ways under the direction of the  
16 municipal officers of said towns.

Sect. 3. Said company shall repay to any town, any sum  
2 of money which such town may have been compelled to  
3 pay on any judgment, for any damages caused by a defect  
4 or want of repair in the streets thereof, due to the negli-  
5 gence 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 said company shall have notice in  
9 writing of any suit wherein such damages are claimed, and  
10 shall be allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

Sect. 4. Said company shall not be allowed to obstruct  
2 or impair the use of any public or private drain, or sewer,  
3 telegraph or telephone wire, but may cross, or when neces-  
4 sary, change the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain

5 or sewer, in such a manner as not to obstruct or impair  
6 the use thereof, being responsible to the owner or other  
7 person for any injury occasioned thereby, in an action on  
8 the case.

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

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said company shall be ten  
2 thousand dollars divided into shares of one hundred dol-  
3 lars each with the privilege of increasing said capital stock  
4 from time to time as the stockholders may determine, to  
5 any sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and  
6 said company is hereby authorized to issue bonds, in such  
7 amount, not exceeding the amount of its capital stock sub-  
8 scribed for, and upon such rates and time as it may deter-  
9 mine, and secure the same by a mortgage of its franchises  
10 and property.

Sect. 7. The first meeting may be called by either cor-  
2 porator, giving five days' written notice, by mail, to his  
3 associates, stating the time and place thereof, or by publica-  
4 tion of said notice, at least once in a newspaper published  
5 in Franklin county, said publication to be at least five days  
6 before said meeting.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 9, 1897.

Reported by Mr. SMITH of Presque Isle, from Committee on Judiciary,  
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*