

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 265.

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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 authorize the Georges River Mills to develop, sell  
and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for lease  
or sale, heat, light, and power.

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

Section 1. The Georges River Mills, a corporation duly  
2 organized under the general law, and having its place of bus-  
3 iness at Warren, Maine, is hereby authorized and empow-  
4 ered to develop, sell, and use electric power, and to transmit  
5 by electricity, for lease or sale, heat, light and power.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered to set,  
2 erect and maintain all poles, wires and fixtures necessary for  
3 the development and transmission of electricity for the pur-

4 pose of furnishing electric light, heat and power, for lease  
5 or sale, to such points as may be feasible, and in such man-  
6 ner as may be expedient, for public and private uses, in and  
7 through the streets and ways of said Warren, under such  
8 reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the municipal  
9 officers thereof, subject to and in accordance with the Gen-  
10 eral Laws of the State regulating the erection of poles and  
11 lines for the purposes of electricity; with the right to cut  
12 down trees and remove obstacles, when necessary, within  
13 the limits aforesaid, except ornamental fruit or shade trees.  
14 such power so transmitted may be used in the operation of  
15 any railroad or street railroad authorized by its charter or  
16 general law to use electricity or any other motive power.

Sect. 3. Said corporation, for the purposes aforesaid, is  
2 authorized to set, erect, and maintain such poles, wires and  
3 fixtures, over, along and upon any private land, and to pur-  
4 chase or take such land for such purposes, as and for public  
5 uses. In case of such taking, said corporation shall file in  
6 the registry of deeds for the county wherein the property  
7 affected may lay, a description of the land and interest  
8 therein taken. In such case, if the parties cannot agree on  
9 the damage occasioned thereby, the damages shall be esti-  
10 mated, paid, and secured in the manner provided in the case  
11 of land taken for railroads.

Sect. 4. For the purposes aforesaid said corporation is  
2 hereby authorized to cross and occupy tide and navigable  
3 waters with its poles, wires and fixtures, or to carry its wires

4 under the same by cable, in such manner as shall not unnec-  
5 essarily interfere with or incommode the public use thereof.

Sect. 5. Said corporation shall in all cases be liable to pay  
2 to any town or city all sums recovered against it for dam-  
3 ages by reason of any fault or neglect of said corporation,  
4 together with reasonable counsel fees and costs, with inter-  
5 est, provided said company shall have notice in writing of  
6 any suit wherein such damages are claimed, and shall be  
7 allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

Sec. 6. Said corporation is authorized to make contracts  
2 with said town, or any village corporation that may be  
3 organized therein, for light, heat, or power, and said town  
4 and any village corporation therein organized are authorized  
5 to so contract for a term of years.

Sect. 7. None of the provisions of this act, and none of the  
2 acts of the corporation hereunder, shall in any way be con-  
3 structed as abridging, limiting, or affecting the rights and  
4 powers which said corporation now has under the general  
5 law.

Sect. 8. For the purpose of carrying out the foregoing  
2 provisions, or either of them, or any of the provisions of the  
3 purposes of said corporation, said corporation is authorized  
4 to issue its bonds, in such form and amount, and on such  
5 time and rate, as it may from time to time determine, and  
6 secure the same by mortgage of its property and franchise.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
March 10, 1897.

Reported by Mr. KNOWLTON of Portland, from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

**W. S. COTTON,** *Clerk.*