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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 257

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT creating the Dixfield Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. The land in the town of Dixfield, embraced  
2 within the following limits: commencing at a point in the  
3 center of Webbs river at the northwest corner of the home-  
4 stead lot now occupied by Ernest L. Holt and known as the  
5 Wallace E. Hutchinson place, thence easterly by the north-  
6 erly line of said Hutchinson place to the county road leading  
7 from Dixfield village to Weld; thence easterly across said  
8 county road to the northwest corner of the homestead of  
9 Melissa J. Randall; thence easterly by the northerly line of  
10 said Melissa J. Randall's homestead to the northwest corner  
11 of the W. S. Chase cranberry bog lot; thence easterly by  
12 the said Chase's north line to the northwest corner of the  
13 Cyrus W. Bartlett pasture; thence easterly by the said Bart-  
14 lett's north line to the homestead farm of George G. Gates;  
15 thence southwesterly on the line between said Bartlett pasture

16 and said George G. Gates' homestead farm to the road lead-  
17 ing from Dixfield village past the house of Leroy R. Hall,  
18 over the hill, so called; thence easterly and southerly by said  
19 road to the Ephraim Marble farm, now owned by S. S. Mar-  
20 ble; thence southwesterly on the line between said Marble  
21 farm and said George G. Gates' homestead farm to the  
22 Androscoggin river; thence up the northerly bank of said  
23 Androscoggin river to Webbs river and thence up said  
24 Webbs river to the bound begun at, together with the inhabi-  
25 tants thereon be and the same is hereby created a body poli-  
26 tic and corporate by the name of the Dixfield Village Cor-  
27 poration.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested  
2 with the power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose,  
3 to raise money for the following purposes: to create and  
4 maintain a fire department, with all necessary engines, equip-  
5 ments, appliances, and apparatus for the prevention and ex-  
6 tinguishment of fires; to light its streets; for the location,  
7 construction and repairs of reservoirs and aqueducts; for the  
8 procuring of water and pumps, pipes, hydrants and machin-  
9 ery for handling and distributing the same, and to procure  
10 water for fire and municipal purposes, and said corporation  
11 is hereby authorized and empowered to contract with any  
12 individual, firm or corporation to furnish lights and water,  
13 either or both, for the purposes aforesaid; for building, re-  
14 pairing and maintaining sidewalks; for building, repairing  
15 and maintaining sewers; for setting out, maintaining and  
16 caring for shade trees; for the purchasing or renting real  
17 estate for any of the above purposes, and may receive, hold  
18 and manage devices, bequests or gifts for any of the above  
19 purposes.

Sect. 3. All moneys which shall be raised for the purposes  
2 aforesaid, or for other purposes for which the corporation

3 may lawfully raise money, shall be assessed upon the taxable  
4 polls and estates embraced within the limits of the corporation  
5 by the assessors thereof, in the same manner as is provided  
6 by law for the assessment of town and county taxes, and said  
7 assessors may copy and adopt the last valuation of the prop-  
8 erty within said corporation as made by the assessors of said  
9 town of Dixfield, and assess the tax thereon, or they may  
10 correct said valuation, or may make a new one thereof, and  
11 assess the tax on that valuation, and may make abatements  
12 of taxes in the same manner as assessors of towns my do,  
13 and the tax on polls shall be one dollar. The whole tax  
14 assessed on the property for all purposes in any one year  
15 shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the last valua-  
16 tion as made or adopted by the assessors of said corporation,  
17 provided, however, said corporation shall have the right to  
18 raise money by loan for the location, construction, and repairs  
19 of reservoirs and aqueducts, for the procuring of water and  
20 pumps, pipes, hydrants and machinery for handling and dis-  
21 tributing the same, and for purchasing real estate for said  
22 purposes, at a legal meeting called therefor, but the total  
23 indebtedness incurred thereby, shall at no time exceed five  
24 per cent of the valuation aforesaid.

Sect. 4. The officers of said corporation shall be a clerk,  
2 treasurer, three assessors, collector and three fire wardens,  
3 who shall be chosen by ballot, and such other officers as the  
4 by-laws of said corporation may require. Said corporation  
5 is empowered to adopt, at any legal meeting, called for that  
6 purpose, a code of by-laws for the government of the same,  
7 and for the management of its fire department aforesaid, and  
8 for the proper management of its prudential affairs and other  
9 purposes connected therewith, provided said by-laws are not  
10 repugnant to the laws of the State. The officers aforesaid  
11 shall be sworn by the clerk or a justice of the peace, and the

12 collector and treasurer shall each give bond to the inhabitants  
13 of said corporation, in such sum as the assessors may direct,  
14 which bond shall be approved by the assessors and clerk.

Sect. 5. Said assessors shall be the general municipal offi-  
2 cers of said corporation and shall have general charge of its  
3 affairs and of the expenditure of all money therein, except so  
4 far as the same may be committed to other officers or persons.

Sect. 6. The fire wardens shall have exclusively all the  
2 power and authority within the limits of said corporation that  
3 fire wardens have, or may have, chosen by towns in town  
4 meeting. The compensation of all the officers herein pro-  
5 vided for shall be fixed by the corporation.

Sect. 7. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of  
2 said corporation, by the clerk thereof, of the amount of  
3 money voted to be raised by taxation, at any meeting, for  
4 any of the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said  
5 assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the  
6 polls and estates of persons residing within said corpora-  
7 tion, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof,  
8 and to certify and deliver the lists of the assessments so  
9 made to the collector, whose duty it shall be to collect the  
10 same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law  
11 collected by collectors for towns. And said collector shall  
12 pay over all moneys collected by him to the treasurer of said  
13 corporation, whenever the assessors shall so direct. It shall  
14 be the duty of the treasurer of said corporation to receive  
15 all money belonging to the corporation, and to pay it out only  
16 upon the written order or direction of the assessors and to  
17 keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid out,  
18 and to exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested.  
19 And said corporation shall have the same power to direct the  
20 mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collec-  
21 tion of town taxes. And said collector shall have the same

22 rights and powers to recover any taxes committed to him  
23 by suit, that town collectors have by law, to recover any taxes  
24 committed to them, and the corporation shall have the same  
25 rights that towns have by law to recover taxes by suit.

Sect. 8. All persons residing within the limits of said cor-  
2 poration who would be legal voters in the town of Dixfield,  
3 shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation.

Sect. 9. Newton S. Stowell, Don A. Gates or Willis W.  
2 Wait, or either of them, are hereby authorized to call the first  
3 meeting of said corporation, and to notify the legal voters  
4 thereof to meet at some suitable time and place within the  
5 limits aforesaid, by posting up notices in two public and con-  
6 spicuous places within said limits, seven days at least before  
7 the time of said meeting, and either of said persons are  
8 authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organiza-  
9 tion, and until after a moderator shall have been chosen by  
10 ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of the said corporation,  
11 a moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same  
12 powers as in town meetings.

Sect. 10. The assessors shall call all subsequent meetings  
2 of the corporation by posting up notices thereof at two pub-  
3 lic and conspicuous places within the limits of said corpora-  
4 tion, stating the time, place and object of each meeting, seven  
5 days at least before the time appointed for the meeting.  
6 The annual meetings for the election of officers of said cor-  
7 poration after the first, shall be held in the month of March  
8 in each year. In case the assessors of said corporation  
9 unreasonably refuse to call a meeting, any justice of the peace  
10 may call a meeting of the corporation, on petition of ten legal  
11 voters, by posting notice in the manner hereinbefore pro-  
12 vided.

Sect. 11. At any first meeting of said corporation, called  
2 agreeable to section nine of this act, at any time prior to the  
3 first day of January, A. D. 1901, the legal voters with said

4 territory shall by ballot, vote on the question of accepting  
5 this charter, and if a majority of the voters present and vot-  
6 ing at said meeting, shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then  
7 this act shall take effect, and the corporation shall then pro-  
8 ceed to organize and choose its officers.

Sect. 12. This act shall take effect from and after its  
2 approval by the governor, so far as to empower the calling of  
3 said first meeting and if its charter shall be accepted, as pro-  
4 vided in section eleven of this act, then the same shall take  
5 and have complete effect in all its parts.





STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 3, 1899.

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*