

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Ninth 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-NINE.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Monmouth Center Village  
Corporation.

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

Section 1. The territory in the town of Monmouth,  
2 known as Monmouth Center, which includes all that part of  
3 Monmouth, including the residences named, within the fol-  
4 lowing boundaries, namely: Monmouth Academy, and the  
5 residence of C. C. Richmond on North Main street, on the  
6 north; the residence of Mrs. N. C. Clifford on Clifford street,  
7 on the west; the residence of Messrs. Haynes and Litchfield on  
8 South Main street, on the south; and the residence of Augus-  
9 tus Blaisdell on Maple street and the north line of the land of  
10 Charles Bragdon on the East Monmouth road, on the east;  
11 with the inhabitants therein, is hereby created a body politic

12 by the name of the Monmouth Center Village Corporation,  
13 with all the rights and privileges granted by the laws of the  
14 state to corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation within its territorial limits, is  
2 hereby authorized and vested with power at any legal meet-  
3 ing called for the purpose, to raise money to defray the  
4 expense of a police and all other necessary regulations for  
5 the better security of property and the promotion of good  
6 order within its limits; for the purchase of apparatus for the  
7 extinguishment of fires; for the construction of reservoirs  
8 to supply water; and the maintenance of a fire department.  
9 Said corporation may receive, hold, and manage gifts and  
10 devises for the purpose of public improvements within said  
11 territory.

Sect. 3. Money raised by said corporation for any lawful  
2 purpose, including that to pay any loan obtained by section  
3 two, shall be assessed upon the property and polls, within  
4 the territory aforesaid, by its assessors, in the same manner  
5 in which the town taxes are assessed. The assessors may  
6 copy the last valuation of said property made by the assess-  
7 ors of the town of Monmouth, and assess the tax thereon;  
8 or if the corporation shall so direct, may correct said valua-  
9 tions, or make a new valuation thereof according to the  
10 principles established by the last State tax, and assess the  
11 tax on that valuation, and may make abatements on taxes  
12 assessed in the same manner as assessors of towns may do.

Sect. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors  
2 of the corporation by the clerk thereof, showing the amount  
3 of money lawfully raised at any meeting, they shall proceed  
4 as soon as may be to assess the same upon the polls and  
5 estates of the persons residing, or embraced within the limits  
6 of the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates located there-  
7 in of non-resident proprietors, and the assessment so made,

8 as well as the assessment of money to repay any loan of said  
9 corporation, with interest thereon, shall be certified and  
10 delivered to the collector of said corporation, who shall col-  
11 lect the same as town taxes are collected, and pay the same  
12 within such time as his warrant shall prescribe, to the cor-  
13 poration treasurer; and said collector shall have the same  
14 power and authority in collecting the taxes so assessed as a  
15 constable, or town collector, has by law for collecting town  
16 and county taxes, and shall enforce payment of the same in  
17 the same manner as a town constable, or town collector, is  
18 required to do by law, and the said corporation shall have  
19 the same powers to direct the mode of collecting taxes as  
20 towns have in the collection thereof.

Sect. 5. All moneys received by said corporation from  
2 taxation, or loan, or from any other source, shall be paid to  
3 the treasurer, and he shall receive the same and pay it out on  
4 the orders of the assessors, for legitimate expenses of the  
5 corporation, and other purposes for which it may be  
6 obtained, and shall keep regular accounts of all his official  
7 transactions, and exhibit the same to the assessors when  
8 requested, and make report to each meeting of the corpora-  
9 tion at which officers are chosen.

Sect. 6. Said corporation may issue its bonds for money  
2 obtained under the provisions of the second section of this  
3 act, or may issue its notes therefor; such bonds or notes  
4 shall be signed by the assessors and treasurer, and shall be  
5 upon such time, and bear such rate of interest as said cor-  
6 poration may find expedient.

Sect. 7. Said corporation at any legal meeting may adopt  
2 a code of by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this State,  
3 nor to its charter, for the efficient management of its affairs.

Sect. 8. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a  
2 clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, and such other

3 officers as its by-laws may provide for, and said officers shall  
4 hold office for one year from the date of their election, and  
5 afterwards until their successors are chosen and qualified,  
6 and shall severally have all the powers and authority within  
7 the limits of said corporation that similar officers chosen by  
8 towns now have or may have; said officers shall be chosen by  
9 ballot at an annual meeting to be held in the month of April,  
10 at a place and time to be designated by the by-laws of said  
11 corporation.

Sect. 9. The clerk shall record all the doings and pro-  
2 ceedings at the meetings of the corporation.

Sect. 10. The collector and treasurer shall each give bond  
2 with such sureties as the assessors of the corporation may  
3 approve of, in a sum not less than double the amount of the  
4 taxes raised as aforesaid, to the inhabitants of the corpora-  
5 tion, for the faithful performance of their duties, and said  
6 bonds shall be approved in writing by the assessors, and  
7 thereafter deposited and retained by the clerk.

Sect. 11. This charter may be accepted at any time  
2 within three years from its approval by the governor, and its  
3 rejection in any calendar year shall not prevent its accept-  
4 ance in any later calendar year during the time aforesaid.  
5 H. M. Blake or C. J. Bragdon, or either of them, may call all  
6 meetings of the inhabitants of said territory previous to the  
7 acceptance of this charter, by posting a notice, stating the  
8 time, place and objects of said meeting, in at least three pub-  
9 lic and conspicuous places in said territory, at least seven  
10 days before the time of holding said meeting, and all subse-  
11 quent meetings shall be called and notified by the assessors  
12 as town meetings are called and notified, unless said corpora-  
13 tion shall otherwise define the manner of calling and notify-  
14 ing its meetings.

Sect. 12. Every person residing within the limits of said  
2 corporation, qualified to vote for governor, senators and  
3 representatives, shall be a legal voter at any meeting of said  
4 corporation.

Sect. 13. At any meeting prescribed in section eleven of  
2 this act the legal voters shall elect a moderator and clerk,  
3 both of whom shall be sworn by some justice of the peace,  
4 for the faithful discharge of their duties, and thereupon said  
5 meeting shall proceed by ballot to vote on the question of  
6 accepting this charter, and if two-thirds of all the legal voters  
7 present and voting at said meeting, shall vote in favor of its  
8 acceptance, then it shall take effect, and said corporation  
9 may immediately after said vote is declared, proceed to the  
10 election of officers and the adoption of by-laws as pro-  
11 vided by sections seven and eight of this act.

Sect. 14. This act shall not destroy or abridge any right,  
2 power, or duty of the town of Monmouth.

Sect. 15. This act shall take effect when approved by the  
2 governor, but shall not bind the inhabitants of the territory  
3 aforesaid until its acceptance by them as hereinbefore pro-  
4 vided.







STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 3, 1899.

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*