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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 291.

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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 Freeport 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 Freeport embraced  
2 within the following limits, viz:

Beginning at the easterly corner of land of Freeport Water  
4 Company, it being the corner of Main street and road lead-  
5 ing to South Durham; thence westerly to the easterly corner  
6 of land of Freeport Park Association on Pleasant street;  
7 thence southwesterly in a direct line to the westerly corner of  
8 William H. Soule's land; thence southeasterly on line of said  
9 Soule's land to the Maine Central Railroad; thence easterly

10 by said railroad to Main street; thence southwesterly by said  
11 street to the westerly corner of William O. Hodsdon's land;  
12 thence southeasterly on the line of a proposed new street to  
13 the southerly corner of said Hodsdon's land; thence easterly  
14 in a direct line to the corner of South and West streets;  
15 thence by said South street to the southwesterly corner of  
16 land of Mrs. Amanda J. Curtis; thence easterly to the east-  
17 erly line of land of L. M. Bailey; thence northeasterly to  
18 easterly line of land of J. F. Thomas; thence northeasterly  
19 to northeasterly corner of land of Mrs. M. J. Townsend;  
20 thence northerly to southerly corner of land of George A.  
21 Fogg on northerly side of Bow street; thence northerly to  
22 the point of beginning, together with the inhabitants thereon,  
23 is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of  
24 the Freeport Village Corporation.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized at any legal  
2 meeting called for the purpose, to raise by assessment, as  
3 hereinafter provided, such sums of money as may be deemed  
4 necessary and sufficient, not exceeding the amount provided  
5 for in section 6 of this act, for organizing and maintaining  
6 within the limits of said corporation, an efficient fire depart-  
7 ment; for building, purchasing, renting, repairing and main-  
8 taining engine houses, hook and ladder, carriage houses and  
9 lock-ups or police stations; for purchasing, repairing and  
10 maintaining fire engines, hose, ladders, buckets, machines and  
11 other apparatus for the extinguishment and prevention of  
12 fire; for building and maintaining and repairing sidewalks;  
13 for lighting streets; for setting out, maintaining and caring  
14 for shade trees; to pay for the services of one or more police  
15 officers, to whom the corporation may vote a salary or other  
16 compensation; and may receive, hold and manage devises,  
17 bequests or gifts for any of the above purposes.

Sect. 3. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, each of said assessors shall be an owner of real estate within the corporation limits and shall serve one year without compensation, and such other officers or agents of the corporation provided for by its by-laws shall be appointed by the assessors; and said officers shall hold office for one year from the date of their election, until their successors are chosen and qualified, and shall severally have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation, that similar officers, chosen by towns, now have or may have.

Sect. 4. Said assessors shall be the general municipal officers of said corporation, and shall have charge of its affairs and of the expenditure of money therein.

Sect. 5. Said police officers and night watchman shall have, within the limits of said corporation, the power of constables in matters criminal or relating to the by-laws and ordinances of said corporation.

Sect. 6. All moneys which may be raised for the purposes aforesaid and for any other purpose for which the corporation may raise money, shall be assessed upon the taxable polls and estates embraced within the limits of said corporation by the assessors thereof, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of town taxes, provided that it shall not be legal for this corporation to assess polls exceeding \$2.00 and not to exceed .002 on estates and that the total appropriations together with any indebtedness shall not exceed the maximum amount of one assessment based upon the town valuation of the property within corporation limits in any one year, as herein provided, and the said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Freeport and assess the tax thereon, or may correct said valuation or make a new one thereof; according

16 to the principles established by the last act establishing a  
17 State law, and assess the tax on that valuation.

Sect. 7. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors  
2 of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of  
3 money raised at any legal meeting of the inhabitants thereof  
4 for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assess-  
5 ors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the tax-  
6 able polls and estates embraced within the limits of said  
7 corporation, and the assessment so made to certify and deliver  
8 to the treasurer or collector of said corporation whose duty  
9 it shall be to collect the same in like manner as town and  
10 county taxes are collected in towns, and the said corporation's  
11 collector or treasurer shall have the same power and authority  
12 in collecting the tax so assessed, as a constable or town col-  
13 lector has by law for collecting town and county taxes, and  
14 shall enforce payment of the same in the same manner as a  
15 town constable or town collector is required to do by law,  
16 and the said corporation shall have the same power to direct  
17 the mode of collecting said taxes, as towns have in the col-  
18 lection of taxes.

Sect. 8. All money payable to said corporation for any pur-  
2 pose, as well as all moneys derived from taxation, or any  
3 source, shall be paid to the treasurer of the corporation and  
4 received and held by him for the use of the corporation.  
5 The treasurer shall pay therefrom upon written order of the  
6 assessors, and no such order shall be drawn by them except  
7 upon a properly avouched bill of items. The collector, and  
8 when required, the treasurer, shall give bonds in such sums  
9 as the corporation may direct to be approved by the assessors.

Sect. 9. Said corporation at any legal meeting called for  
2 that purpose may adopt by-laws and make all needful rules  
3 and ordinances for the organization and government of said  
4 corporation, not repugnant to the laws of the State.

Sect. 10. This charter may be accepted at any time within  
2 five years from its approval by the Governor, by a majority  
3 vote of the voters present at a meeting of said corporation,  
4 called for the purpose of accepting this charter. Henry C.  
5 Brewer, J. W. Amick and Winthrop C. Fogg, or either of  
6 them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said  
7 corporation, and to notify the legal voters thereof to meet  
8 at some suitable time and place, within the limits aforesaid,  
9 by posting notices in two public places within said limits,  
10 seven days at least before the time of said meeting; and  
11 either of said persons are authorized to preside at said meet-  
12 ing until after its organization and after a moderator shall be  
13 chosen by ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of the cor-  
14 poration, a moderator shall in like manner be chosen and have  
15 the same power as in town meetings.

Sect. 11. The first election of the officers of this corpora-  
2 tion shall be at the meeting of the legal voters of the corpora-  
3 tion, called to accept this charter, and the annual election of  
4 officers shall be in the month of March.

Sect. 12. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing  
2 in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any  
3 meeting of said corporation.

Sect. 13. 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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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*