

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 56.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Sebasticook Manufacturing and
Power Company.

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

Section 1. Charles D. Brown, Edward W. Heath, H. M.
2 Mansfield and C. A. Brown, their associates, successors and
3 assigns, are hereby incorporated under the name of the Sebas-
4 ticook Manufacturing and Power Company, for the purpose
5 of manufacturing, generating, selling, distributing and sup-
6 plying electricity for lighting, heating, traction, manufactur-
7 ing or mechanical purposes in the towns of Clinton, Benton,
8 and Albion, or for any or either of such purposes, with all
9 the rights, powers and privileges, and subject to all the
10 restrictions and liabilities by law incident to similar corpora-
11 tions.

Sect. 2. Said company is authorized to locate, construct
2 and maintain a dam or dams on the Sebasticook river, in the
3 town of Benton, in the county of Kennebec, provided that
4 suitable sluices are constructed and maintained by said com-
5 pany in said dam or dams, at its own expense, for the passage
6 of logs and other lumber down said river.

Sect. 3. For the purpose of constructing and maintaining
2 said dams and the establishment of its said plant, said com-
3 pany is authorized to take as for public uses any water rights
4 or land, and to flow any lands or other privileges.

Said corporation shall file in the registry of deeds for the
6 county of Kennebec plans of the location of all water rights
7 or land taken under the provisions of this act and no entry
8 shall be made on any lands owned by other persons except to
9 make surveys until the expiration of ten days from said filing,
10 and with such plan the said company may file a statement of
11 the damages it is willing to pay to any person for property
12 so taken or for flowage so caused, and if the amount finally
13 awarded does not exceed that sum, the company shall recover
14 costs against such person; otherwise such person shall
15 recover costs against the company.

Sect. 4. Said company shall be held liable to pay all
2 damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons by
3 the taking of any water rights or land or by flowage; and
4 if any person sustaining damage as aforesaid shall not agree
5 with said company upon the sum to be paid therefor, either
6 party on petition to the county commissioners of Kennebec
7 county within one year after said plans are filed, may have
8 the said damages assessed by them, and subsequent proceed-

9 ings and right of appeal therein shall be had in the same
10 manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limi-
11 tations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by
12 the laying out of highways. Failure to apply for damages
13 within said year shall be held to be a waiver of the same.

Sect. 5. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed
2 one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) divided
3 into shares of one hundred dollars (\$100) each. Said com-
4 pany may hold all real and personal estate necessary and
5 convenient for the purposes aforesaid. It may also hold
6 stocks and bonds of other corporations organized under the
7 laws of Maine.

Sect. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to set poles
2 and extend wires in and through the streets and ways of the
3 towns of Clinton, Benton, and Albion, for the purpose of
4 furnishing electric lights for public and private use within
5 said towns, subject to the permission of the municipal officers
6 thereof under such reasonable restrictions as they may
7 impose, and subject to the general laws of the State regu-
8 lating the erection of posts and wire for electrical purposes.
9 It is also empowered to transmit electric power for lease or
10 sale to such points in said towns as may be feasible, in such
11 manner as may be expedient, and, subject to the general laws
12 aforesaid, it may erect and maintain all posts, wires and fix-
13 tures necessary therefor. Said corporation is authorized to
14 make contracts with said towns for public lighting and said
15 towns are authorized to so contract for a term of years.

Sect. 7. Said Sebecook Manufacturing and Power Com-
2 pany may issue its bonds upon such rates and time as it may

3 deem expedient, and in such amounts as may be required for
4 the objects of its incorporation and for the purposes author-
5 ized by this act and secure the same by mortgage upon the
6 franchise and property of said company.

Sect. 8. The first meeting of said corporation may be called
2 by written notice thereof, signed by any incorporator herein
3 named, served upon each incorporator by a copy of the same
4 in hand or mailed, postage paid, at least seven days prior to
5 the day named therein for such meeting.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 22, 1899.

Reported by Mr. WEEKS from Committee on Legal Affairs, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*