

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 60.

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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 Andover Village Corporation.

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

Sect. 1. The territory embraced within the limits of what  
2 was known as school district No. 1, as last constituted in  
3 the town of Andover, together with the inhabitants thereon,  
4 be, and the same is hereby created a body politic and cor-  
5 porate by the name of the Andover Village Corporation.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized at any  
2 legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise by assessment  
3 or by loan, as hereinafter provided, such sums of money  
4 as may be deemed necessary and sufficient for organizing  
5 and maintaining within the limits of said corporation, an  
6 efficient fire department; for building, renting, purchasing,  
7 repairing and maintaining engine houses, hook and ladder

8 carriage houses and lockups or police stations; for purchas-  
9 ing, repairing and maintaining fire engines, hose, ladders,  
10 buckets, machines and other apparatus for the extinguish-  
11 ment and prevention of fire; for the location, construction,  
12 and repair of reservoirs and aqueducts; for the procuring  
13 of water and pumps, pipes, hydrants and machinery for  
14 handling and distributing the same; for building, repairing  
15 and maintaining sidewalks; for building, repairing and  
16 maintaining sewers; for setting out, maintaining and car-  
17 ing for shade trees; for maintaining and improving the  
18 common lands, for the purchasing and renting of real estate  
19 for any of the above purposes; to pay for the services of  
20 one or more police officers, night watchmen or any other  
21 officers to whom the said corporation may vote a salary or  
22 other compensation; to erect and maintain lamp posts and  
23 lamps, and provide for lighting the streets within the limits  
24 of said corporation; for school purposes, and may receive,  
25 hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for any of the  
26 above purposes.

Sect. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the  
2 purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and  
3 polls within the territory, by the assessors of said corpora-  
4 tion, in the same manner as is provided by law for the  
5 assessment of county and town taxes, and said assessors  
6 may copy the last valuation of said property by the assess-  
7 ors of the town of Andover, and assess the taxes thereon,  
8 if said corporation shall so direct, and may abate any tax  
9 by them so assessed, the tax on polls not to exceed the sum  
10 of one dollar to any one person in one year.

Sect. 4. 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 meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it  
4 shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to

5 assess said amount upon the polls and estates of the persons  
6 residing on the territory aforesaid and upon the estates of  
7 non-resident proprietors thereof, and lists of the assess-  
8 ment so made, to certify and deliver to the collector, whose  
9 duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county  
10 and town taxes are by law collected by towns, and to pay  
11 over the same to the treasurer of said corporation, who shall  
12 receive the same and pay it out to order or direction of the  
13 said corporation, and keep a regular account of all moneys  
14 received and paid out, and exhibit the same to the assessors  
15 whenever requested; and said corporation shall have the  
16 same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as  
17 towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Sect. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of  
2 a clerk, treasurer, assessors, collector and such other officers  
3 as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation.

Sect. 6. Said corporation at any legal meeting thereof,  
2 may adopt a code of by-laws for the government of the  
3 same, and for the efficient management of the fire depart-  
4 ment aforesaid, provided, the said by-laws are not repugnant  
5 to the laws of the State.

Sect. 7. All the officers of said corporation shall be chosen  
2 by ballot and sworn to the faithful performance of their  
3 duties; the first election to be at the meeting of the legal  
4 voters of said corporation, at which this charter is accepted,  
5 and the annual election of officers shall be in the month of  
6 March.

Sect. 8. The collector and treasurer shall give bonds in  
2 double the amount of the tax so raised, to the inhabitants of  
3 said corporation, which bonds shall be approved by the  
4 assessors and clerk.

Sect. 9. O. B. Poor, R. L. Melcher, F. P. Thomas, F.  
2 M. Thomas, Stephen Cabot and John F. Talbot, or either of

3 they are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the  
4 said corporation, and to notify the legal voters thereof to  
5 meet at some suitable time and place within the limits afore-  
6 said, by posting up notices in two public places within said  
7 limits, seven days at least before the time of said meeting;  
8 and either of said persons are authorized to preside at said  
9 meeting until after its organization, and until after a mod-  
10 erator shall have been chosen by ballot and sworn, and at  
11 all meetings of said corporation a moderator shall be chosen  
12 in the manner and with the same powers as in town meet-  
13 ings.

Sect. 10. 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. 11. This act shall take effect when approved by the  
2 governor, so far as to empower the first meeting of said  
3 corporation to be called.

Sect. 12. In the meeting prescribed in section nine of this  
2 act for the first meeting of said corporation, the legal voters  
3 shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter;  
4 and if the majority shall vote in favor of its acceptance  
5 then it shall take effect in all its parts, and the corporation  
6 shall proceed to organize and choose its officers as provided  
7 in section seven of this act. There shall be but one meeting  
8 called each year for the purpose of the acceptance of this  
9 charter.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 23, 1899.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.