

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 354

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Bristol Electric Light and Power  
Company.

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

Section 1. Frank A. Fossett, Samuel Tibbetts and N. M.  
2 Fossett, with their associates, successors and assigns, are  
3 hereby made a corporation by the name of the Bristol Elec-  
4 tric Light and Power Company, for the purpose of manu-  
5 facturing, generating, selling, leasing, transmitting, distrib-  
6 uting and supplying electricity for lighting, heating, manu-  
7 facturing, mechanical and other purposes, in the town of  
8 Bristol, or for any or either of such purposes and for public  
9 and private use, with all the rights, powers and privileges

10 and subject to all the restrictions and liabilities by law inci-  
11 dent to similar corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation for the purposes aforesaid is  
2 hereby authorized to set poles and to construct, lay, main-  
3 tain and operate lines of wires or other material in, through,  
4 under, over and along any and all streets and ways of said  
5 town, and under or over tide waters in said town, subject,  
6 however, to the permission of the municipal officers thereof  
7 and under such reasonable restrictions as they may impose  
8 and subject to the general laws of the state regulating the  
9 erection of poles and wires for electrical purposes. Said cor-  
10 poration is authorized to make contracts with said town for  
11 public lighting, heating and other purposes, and said town is  
12 authorized to so contract for a term of years.

Sect. 3. Said corporation shall at its own expense and  
2 without unnecessary delay remove any and all obstructions  
3 in any street or way of said town made in constructing, erect-  
4 ing and laying the poles, wires, fixtures and structures for  
5 the aforesaid purposes and shall cause disturbed earth to be  
6 properly replaced. And said company shall repay to said  
7 town of Bristol any sum which said town may have been  
8 compelled to pay on any judgment for any damage caused  
9 by a defect or want of repair in the streets or ways thereof,  
10 due to the neglect of said company, or on any judgment for  
11 damages, caused by the negligence of said company in the  
12 erection and maintenance of any of the aforesaid structures  
13 and appliances connected with said business; and said cor-  
14 poration shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use  
15 of any public or private drain or gas pipe or sewer or tele-  
16 graph or telephone wire, but may cross, or when necessary,  
17 change the direction of such pipes, wires, drains or sewers,  
18 in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof,

10 being responsible to the owner or other person for any  
20 injury occasioned thereby in an action on the case.

And the municipal officers of said town for the time being  
22 shall have the power to regulate and control such acts and  
23 doings of said corporation as may in any manner affect the  
24 health or safety or become a nuisance to the inhabitants of  
25 said town.

Sect. 4. Said corporation may, to carry out the powers  
2 herein granted, hold real and personal estate, necessary and  
3 convenient therefor, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

Sect. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall not  
2 exceed thirty thousand dollars, divided into shares of  
3 twenty-five dollars each.

Sect. 6. Said company is hereby authorized to issue its  
2 bonds for the construction of its works upon such rates and  
3 terms as it may deem expedient, and secure the same by  
4 mortgage of the franchise and property of said company.  
5 But the amount of said bonds so issued shall not exceed  
6 thirty thousand dollars in all, and shall not exceed the  
7 amount of capital stock subscribed for.

Sect. 7. The first meeting of said corporation may be  
2 called by written notice thereof, signed by any incorpora-  
3 tor herein named, served upon each incorporator by a copy  
4 of the same in hand or mailed, postage paid, at least seven  
5 days prior to the day named therein for such meeting.

Sect. 8. This act shall become null and void, in four years  
2 from the time when the same takes effect, unless the corpora-  
3 tion shall have organized and commenced the construction  
4 of its works under this charter.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 8, 1901.

Reported by Mr. HARRIS of Anburn, from Committee on  
the Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*