

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 401

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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 Columbia Falls Water and Electric  
Light Company.

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

Section 1. A. H. Chandler, J. P. Crandon and C. D. Bishop,  
2 with their associates and successors are hereby made a cor-  
3 poration by the name of the Columbia Falls Water and Elec-  
4 tric Light Company, for the purpose of conveying to and  
5 supplying the town of Columbia Falls with pure water and  
6 electric lights.

Sect. 2. Said corporation, for said purpose, may hold real  
2 and personal estate necessary and convenient therefor, not  
3 exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

Sect. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized for the pur-  
2 poses aforesaid, to take water from any spring, pond or

3 streams in said town, or adjoining towns provided that no  
4 water be taken from springs now used for private or domes-  
5 tic purposes without consent of the owner, to erect and main-  
6 tain pumping stations, with all necessary appliances required  
7 thereto, to erect and maintain reservoirs and stand pipes,  
8 and lay down and maintain pipes and aqueducts necessary  
9 for the proper accumulating, conducting, discharging, dis-  
10 tributing and disbursing water, and forming proper reser-  
11 voirs therefor, and said corporation may take and hold by  
12 purchase or otherwise any lands or real estate necessary  
13 therefor, and may excavate through any lands when neces-  
14 sary for the purposes of this corporation.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized for the pur-  
2 poses aforesaid to carry on the business of lighting  
3 by electricity or otherwise, such public streets in the town of  
4 Columbia Falls, and such buildings and places therein, public  
5 and private, as may be agreed upon by said corporation and  
6 the owners or those having control of such places to be light-  
7 ed, and may furnish motive power by electricity or otherwise,  
8 within said town and may build and operate manufactories  
9 and works for providing and supplying electricity, light and  
10 power, and may take, lease, purchase and hold real estate,  
11 and personal estate therefor, and to construct, lay, maintain,  
12 and operate lines of wire or other material for the transmis-  
13 sion of electricity or power, upon, under, along and over any  
14 and all streets and ways under the direction of the municipal  
15 officers of said town.

Sect. 5. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all dam-  
2 ages that shall be sustained by any person by the taking of  
3 any land or other property, or by flowage, or by excavating  
4 through any land for the purposes of laying down pipes and  
5 aqueducts, building dams, reservoirs, and also damages for  
6 any other injuries resulting from said acts; and if any person

7 sustaining damage as aforesaid, and said corporation cannot  
8 mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, either  
9 party on petition to the county commissioners of Washington  
10 county may have the damages assessed by them; and subse-  
11 quent proceedings and rights of appeal thereon shall be had  
12 in the same manner and under the same conditions and re-  
13 strictions and limitations as are by law provided in case of  
14 damages by laying out highways.

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be one  
2 hundred thousand dollars, said stock to be divided into shares  
3 of fifty dollars each.

Sect. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down,  
2 in and through the streets and ways of said town of Colum-  
3 bia Falls, and to take up, replace and repair all such pipes,  
4 aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary for the purposes  
5 of their incorporation, under such reasonable restrictions as  
6 may be imposed by the selectmen of said town, and said cor-  
7 poration shall be responsible for all damage to persons and  
8 property occasioned by the use of such streets and ways, and  
9 shall further be liable to pay to said town all sums recovered  
10 against said town for damages from obstructions caused by  
11 said corporation, and for all expenses, including reasonable  
12 counsel fees incurred in defending such suits, with interest  
13 on same.

Sect. 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make  
2 contract with said town of Columbia Falls, and with other  
3 corporations and individuals, for the purpose of supplying  
4 water, electric lights and power as contemplated by said act;  
5 and said town of Columbia Falls by its selectmen, is hereby  
6 authorized to enter into contracts with said company for the  
7 supply of water, electric lights and power and such exemp-  
8 tion from public burden as said town and said company may

9 agree upon, which, when made, shall be legal and binding  
10 upon all parties thereto.

Sect. 9. Said corporation shall have power to cross any  
2 private or public sewer, or to change the direction thereof,  
3 when necessary for the purposes of this incorporation, but in  
4 such a manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof;  
5 and said corporation shall be liable for any injury caused  
6 thereby. Whenever the company shall lay down any pipes  
7 in any street, or make any alterations or repairs upon its  
8 works in any street, it shall cause the same to be done with as  
9 little obstruction to public travel as may be practicable, and  
10 shall at its own expense without necessary delay, cause the  
11 earth and pavements removed to be replaced in proper con-  
12 dition.

Sect. 10. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the con-  
2 struction of its works, upon such rates and terms as it may  
3 deem expedient, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars,  
4 and secure the same by mortgage of the franchise and prop-  
5 erty of said company.

Sect. 11. The first meeting of the corporation may be called  
2 by public notice, published in the Narraguagus Times, three  
3 weeks, said call to be signed by at least three of the cor-  
4 porators.

Sect. 12. This act shall become null and void in four years  
2 from the time when the same takes effect. unless the corpor-  
3 ation shall have organized and commenced the construction  
4 of its works under this charter.

Sect. 13. This act shall take effect when approved.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 13, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*