

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 37

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT in relation to the South Paris Village Corporation
and to establish a system of municipal lighting.

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

Section 1. The South Paris Village Corporation, created
2 by law and duly organized, in the town of Paris, in addition
3 to the powers already granted it, is hereby authorized and
4 empowered to install a plant, for the purpose of making,
5 generating and supplying gas or electricity, or both, for the
6 purpose of lighting its streets, and also for the purpose of
7 selling, distributing and supplying gas or electricity, or both,
8 for lighting houses, stores and other buildings, and furnish-
9 ing heat and power for any other purpose to its citizens and
10 inhabitants, within its corporate limits.

Sect. 2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of
2 this act said South Paris Village Corporation shall have

3 power to purchase, or lease for a term of years, and control,
4 any water power, or privilege, within the limits of the town
5 of Paris, or it may furnish such necessary power by the estab-
6 lishment of a steam plant, or may lease or purchase the neces-
7 sary power to carry out the provisions of this act, as it may
8 hereafter determine, from any corporation, person or firm,
9 owning or controlling any such power. Said village cor-
10 poration shall have authority to lay its pipes and wires and
11 construct and maintain its lines in, upon, along, over, across
12 and under the roads and streets within its corporate limits,
13 or within the said town of Paris, subject, however, to the
14 conditions and restrictions hereinafter provided.

Sect. 3. Said village corporation shall not lay its pipes or
2 bury its wires in any road or street, or dig up or open the
3 ground in any road or street, or erect its poles and string its
4 wires and cables within the said town of Paris or within its
5 corporate limits, without first obtaining permit from the
6 municipal officers of said town in the same manner as pro-
7 vided for corporations organized under chapter 102 of the
8 Public Laws of 1895.

Sect. 4. Said village corporation is hereby authorized to
2 construct and maintain its poles, lines, fixtures and appliances
3 upon, along, over and across the roads and streets of the
4 town of Paris, upon the conditions and under the restrictions
5 provided by section 8 of chapter 102 of the Public Laws of
6 1895.

Sect. 5. Said village corporation for the purpose of carry-
2 ing into full effect the provisions of this act, may, at any
3 legal meeting of said corporation, called for that purpose,
4 vote to raise money to furnish, equip and maintain its electric
5 light plant, loan its credit, and issue bonds registered, or with
6 interest coupons, in such denominations as may be determined
7 at said meeting, to an amount necessary for said purpose,
8 which, taken in connection with any other indebtedness of

9 said village corporation, will not exceed five per centum of
10 the last regular valuation thereof. Said bonds shall be signed
11 by the assessors and treasurer of said village corporation,
12 but the coupons need be signed by the treasurer only.

Sect. 6. The care and management of said lighting system,
2 and regulation of charges for lighting of houses, stores and
3 other buildings, shall be under the control of the assessors
4 of said village corporation; or, if the corporation so vote,
5 said duties shall be placed in the hands of a commission who
6 shall be chosen at its first meeting after this act shall be
7 accepted. Said commission shall consist of three legal voters,
8 one to be chosen for one year, one for two years, and one for
9 three years, and after said first meeting one shall be chosen
10 annually for three years.

Sect. 7. Said village corporation shall not proceed under
2 the provisions of this act, until after the same has been accepted
3 by a majority vote of the legal voters thereof, in a meeting
4 called for that purpose, which said meeting shall be held
5 within six months after the passage of this act.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 3, 1903.

Tabled, pending reference to Committee on Legal Affairs, by Mr.
HUBBARD of Paris, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*