

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 201

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Houlton and Woodstock Electric
Railroad Company.

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

Section 1. George Ingraham, Joseph A. Browne, Clarence
2 H. Pearce, John Watson, Don A. H. Powers, Ransford W.
3 Shaw, Charles D. Merritt, John B. Madigan, Leland O.
4 Ludwig, Frank M. Hume, Hudson T. Frisbie, Willard S.
5 Lewin, James Archibald and Harry M. Briggs, their associ-
6 ates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a corpo-
7 ration by the name of the Houlton and Woodstock Electric
8 Railroad Company, with authority to construct, maintain and
9 use a street railroad, to be operated by horse power or elec-
10 tricity with convenient single and double tracks, side tracks,
11 switches or turnouts, with any necessary or convenient line

12 of poles, wires, appliances, appurtenances or conduits, from
13 the east line of the town of Houlton westward across the
14 town of Houlton to and into the towns of Hodgdon, Linneus,
15 New Limerick, Littleton and Ludlow, in the county of Aroos-
16 took, and from and to such other points and upon and over
17 such other streets and ways, in the towns of Houlton, Hodg-
18 don, Linneus, New Limerick, Littleton and Ludlow, as shall
19 from time to time be fixed and determined by the municipal
20 officers of said towns, and assented to in writing by said cor-
21 poration, and shall also have authority to construct, main-
22 tain and use said railroad over and upon any lands where the
23 land damages have been mutually settled by said corporation
24 and the owners thereof: provided, however, that all tracks
25 of said railroad shall be laid at such distances from the side-
26 walk in any of said towns as the municipal officers thereof
27 shall, in their order fixing the routes and locations of said
28 railroad, determine to be for public safety and convenience.
29 The written assent of said corporation to any vote of the
30 municipal officers of either of said towns, prescribing from
31 time to time, the routes of said railroad therein, shall be filed
32 with the clerk of said town, and shall be taken and deemed
33 to be the location thereof. Said corporation shall have
34 power, from time to time, to fix such rates of compensation
35 for transporting persons and property as it may think expe-
36 dient, and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the
37 liabilities of corporations as set forth in the forty-sixth chap-
38 ter of the Revised Statutes.

Sect. 2. The municipal officers of said towns shall have
2 power, at all times, to make all regulations as to the rate of
3 speed, the removal of snow and ice from the streets, roads
4 and ways by said company at its expense, and the manner
5 of use of tracks of said railroad within each of said towns
6 as public convenience and safety may require.

Sect. 3. Said corporation shall keep and maintain in repair
2 such portions of the streets and ways as shall be occupied by
3 the tracks of said railroad, and shall make all other repairs
4 of said streets, roads and ways within either of said towns
5 which in the opinion of the municipal officers of said towns
6 may be rendered necessary by the occupation of the same by
7 said railroad and if not repaired upon reasonable notice, such
8 repairs may be made by said towns at the expense of said
9 corporation.

Sect. 4. If any person shall wilfully or maliciously obstruct
2 said corporation in the use of its roads or tracks or the pass-
3 ing of the cars or carriages of said corporation thereon, such
4 person and all who shall aid or abet therein, shall be punished
5 by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or with imprison-
6 ment in the county jail for a period not exceeding sixty days.

Sect. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall not
2 exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be divided
3 into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Sect. 6. Said corporation shall have the power to lease,
2 purchase or hold such real or personal estate as may be
3 necessary and convenient for the purpose of management of
4 said road.

Sect. 7. Said railroad shall be constructed and maintained
2 in each of said towns, in such form and manner and upon
3 such grade and with such rails as the municipal officers of
4 said town shall direct, and whenever in the judgment of the
5 said corporation it shall be necessary to alter the grade of
6 any street or way, said alteration may be made at the sole
7 expense of said corporation, provided, the same shall be
8 assented to by the municipal officers of the town wherein said
9 grade so sought to be changed is located. If the tracks of
10 said corporation's railroad cross any other railroad, and a
11 dispute arises in any way in regard to the manner of crossing,
12 the board of railroad commissioners of this State shall, upon

13 hearing, decide and determine in writing in what manner the
14 crossing shall be made, and it shall be constructed accord-
15 ingly.

Sect. 8. Said corporation may change the location of said
2 railroad at any time by first obtaining the written consent
3 of the municipal officers of the town in which the change is
4 so sought to be made, and to make additional locations sub-
5 ject to the foregoing provisions and conditions.

Section 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent
2 the proper authorities of either of said towns from entering
3 upon and taking up any of the streets or ways in either of
4 said towns, occupied by said railroad for any purpose for
5 which they may lawfully take up the same.

Sect. 10. No other person or corporation shall be permit-
2 ted to construct or maintain any railroad for similar reasons
3 over the same streets or ways that may be lawfully occupied
4 by this corporation, but any person or corporation lawfully
5 operating any horse or electric railroad to any point to which
6 this corporation's tracks extend, may enter upon, connect
7 with and use the same on such terms and in such manner as
8 may be agreed upon between the parties, or if they shall not
9 agree, to be determined by the railroad commissioners for
10 the State of Maine.

Sect. 11. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue
2 bonds in such amount, and on such time as may from time
3 to time be determined, in aid of the purposes specified in this
4 act, and to secure the same by a mortgage of its franchises
5 and property. It is also hereby authorized to lease all of its
6 property and franchises upon such terms as it may determine.

Sect. 12. The first meeting of said corporation may be
2 called by any two of said corporators giving actual notice
3 in writing to their several associates, and said corporation
4 may make such by-laws as are proper and not contrary to
5 the laws of the State.

Sect. 13. This charter shall be null and void unless operations for building said railway shall have been actually commenced within two years from the passage of this act.

Sect. 14. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 26, 1908.

Reported by Mr. BOYD of Linneus, from Committee on Railroads,
Telegraphs and Expresses, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*