

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 508

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Brooks Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. All that part of the town of Brooks embraced  
2 within the following bounds, namely: Beginning on the  
3 west line of the town of Monroe, near the Railroad crossing  
4 next east from the dwelling house of P. B. Clifford, thence  
5 running south by land of A. E. Carpenter, on said Carpenter's  
6 east line, to land of N. A. Cilley, thence running westerly on  
7 south lines of lands of N. A. Cilley and C. F. Bessey to land  
8 of J. B. McTaggart, thence running westerly on south lines  
9 of lands of J. B. McTaggart, Clara E. Ames and Joseph N.  
10 Ginn to the old Belfast road, so called, thence westerly on  
11 south line of land of Joseph N. Ginn, and north line of land of  
12 Robert Nickerson, south lines of lands of F. W. Gibbs and F.

13 B. Thompson to the road running from Belfast to Unity,  
14 thence westerly on south line of land of Frank Quimby, to  
15 land of C. T. Scribner, thence southerly on east lines of lands  
16 of C. T. Scribner, C. F. Foss, Mary E. Webber and George  
17 Johnson to land of C. H. Dickey, thence westerly on north  
18 line of land of C. H. Dickey, and south lines of lands of  
19 George Johnson and E. L. Prime to the east line of the town  
20 of Knox, thence northerly on east line of the town of Knox  
21 to the south line of the town of Jackson, thence easterly on  
22 the south line of the town of Jackson to the west line of the  
23 town of Monroe, thence southerly, on the west line of the  
24 town of Monroe to the place of beginning, together with the  
25 inhabitants thereon, be, and the same is hereby created a body  
26 corporate by the name of Brooks Village Corporation, with all  
27 the rights and privileges granted by the laws of the state to  
28 similar corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested  
2 with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, or at  
3 its annual meeting, to raise money by taxation, or otherwise  
4 including the power to issue bonds or notes therefor, provided  
5 the whole amount does not at any one time exceed five per  
6 cent of the assessed valuation of such corporation; for the  
7 purpose of organizing and maintaining within the limits of  
8 said corporation, an efficient fire department; for building,  
9 renting, purchasing, repairing, and maintaining engine  
10 houses, hook and ladder carriage houses and lockups or police  
11 stations; for purchasing, repairing and maintaining fire  
12 engines, hose, ladders, buckets, machines and other apparatus  
13 for the extinguishment and prevention of fire; for the loca-  
14 tion, construction, and repair of reservoirs and aqueducts; for  
15 the procuring of water and pumps, pipes, hydrants and  
16 machinery for handling and distributing the same; for build-  
17 ing, repairing and maintaining schoolhouses; for building,  
18 repairing and maintaining sidewalks; for building, repairing

19 and maintaining sewers; for setting out, maintaining and car-  
20 ing for shade trees; for maintaining and improving the com-  
21 mon lands, for the purchasing and renting of real estate for  
22 any of the above purposes; to pay for the services of one or  
23 more police officers, night watchmen or any other officers to  
24 whom the said corporation may vote a salary or other com-  
25 pensation; to erect and maintain lamp posts and lamps, and  
26 provide for lighting the streets within the limits of said cor-  
27 poration; and for school purposes, and may receive, hold and  
28 manage devises, bequests or gifts for and any of the above  
29 purposes.

Sect. 3. For the purpose of building schoolhouses, said  
2 corporation shall have all the powers, that towns now have,  
3 for taking land for schoolhouses and play grounds, and the  
4 proper officers of the town of Brooks, shall have the same  
5 power in such taking, as they would have if it was the town  
6 taking said land, so for as it relates to the locating and appris-  
7 ing said land, and all such taking shall be governed by the  
8 same laws.

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

Sect. 5. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of  
2 said corporation by the clerk thereof of the amount of money  
3 raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be  
4 the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said

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

Sect. 6. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a  
2 clerk, treasurer, assessors, collector and such other officers  
3 as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation. \*

Sect. 7. Said corporation at any legal meeting thereof, may  
2 adopt a code of by-laws for the government of the same, pro-  
3 vided, the said by-laws are not repugnant to the laws of the  
4 State.

Sect. 8. All officers of said corporation shall be chosen by  
2 ballot and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties;  
3 the first election to be at the meeting of the legal voters of said  
4 corporation, at which this charter is accepted, and the annual  
5 election of officers shall be in the month of March.

Sect. 9. The collector shall give bonds in double the amount  
2 of the tax so raised, and the treasurer in such sum as the  
3 assessors direct, which bonds shall be approved by the  
4 assessors and clerk.

Sect. 10. E. C. Holbrook, E. G. Roberts, E. A. Carpenter,  
2 F. R. York, or either of them are hereby authorized to call  
3 the first meeting of the said corporation, and to notify the  
4 legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place  
5 within the limits aforesaid, by posting up notices in two public

6 and conspicuous places within said limits, seven days at least  
7 before the time of said meeting; and either of said persons  
8 are authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organ-  
9 ization, and until after a moderator shall have been chosen by  
10 ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of said corporation a  
11 moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same  
12 powers as in town meetings.

Sect. 11. All persons liable to be taxed for polls residing in  
2 the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any  
3 meeting of said corporation.

Sect. 12. This act shall take effect when approved by the  
2 governor, so far as to empower the first meeting of said corpo-  
3 ration to be called.

Sect. 13. In the meeting prescribed in section ten of this act  
2 for the first meeting of said corporation, the legal voters shall  
3 vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter; and if  
4 the majority shall vote in favor of its acceptance then it shall  
5 take effect in all its parts, and the corporation shall proceed  
6 to organize and choose its officers as provided in section eight  
7 of this act. There shall be but one meeting called each year  
8 for the purpose of the acceptance of this charter.







STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 20, 1903.

Reported by Mr. STURGIS of Standish, from Committee on Towns,  
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*