

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 218

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to enlarge the corporate rights of the Piscataquis  
Woolen Company to do electric lighting.

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

Section 1. The Piscataquis Woolen Company, a corpora-  
2 tion duly established under the general laws of the State of  
3 Maine, having its place of business at Guilford, county of  
4 Piscataquis, State of Maine, is authorized and empowered  
5 in addition to its other corporate rights and purposes, to carry  
6 on the business of lighting by electricity such public streets  
7 of the town of Guilford, and such buildings and places  
8 therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by said  
9 corporation and the owners or those having control of such  
10 places to be lighted; and may furnish motive power by elec-

11 tricity within the limits of said town of Guilford; and may  
12 build and operate manufactories and works for the providing  
13 and supplying of electricity, light and power, and may lease,  
14 purchase and hold real and personal estate for the proper  
15 objects of the corporation, to the amount of thirty thousand  
16 dollars, and to construct, lay, maintain and operate lines of  
17 wire or other material for the transmission of electricity,  
18 submarine, under ground, upon, under and along and over  
19 any and all streets and ways under the direction of the  
20 municipal officers of said Guilford; and in public places in  
21 such a manner as not to endanger the appropriate public use  
22 thereof, and to establish and maintain, under direction of said  
23 municipal officers, all necessary posts, pipes, supports, and  
24 appurtenances, and terminating at such points as may be  
25 expedient.

Sect. 2. For the erecting said wires above ground and for  
2 laying the same, of pipes thereof, submarine or under ground,  
3 and for taking up, replacing and repairing the same, said  
4 company shall first obtain the consent of the municipal offi-  
5 cers of said town, and perform all said acts as directed by  
6 said municipal officers; and said company shall repay to said  
7 Guilford any sum which said town may have been compelled  
8 to pay on any judgment for any damages caused by a defect  
9 or want of repair in the streets thereof, due to the neglect of  
10 said company or on any judgment for damages caused by the  
11 negligence of said company in the erecting and maintaining  
12 of any posts, wires or appurtenances connected with said  
13 business.

Sect. 3. Said company, at its own expense, without unnec-  
2 essary delay, shall remove any and all obstructions in any  
3 street or way, made in erecting or laying the lines for such  
4 purposes, and cause earth disturbed to be properly replaced.  
5 It shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use of any  
6 public or private drain, or gas pipe, or sewer, telegraph or

7 telephone wire, but may cross, or when necessary, change the  
8 direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or sewer, being  
9 responsible to the owner or other person for any injury occa-  
10 sioned thereby, in an action on the case.

Sect. 4. Damages for any land taken for the purposes of  
2 erecting or laying said lines, if the parties cannot agree, shall  
3 be estimated, secured and paid as in the case of lands taken  
4 for railroads.

Sect. 5. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to  
2 affect or diminish the liability of said corporation for any  
3 injury to private property, by depreciating the value thereof  
4 or otherwise, but any legal remedies existing shall continue.  
5 The selectmen of said Guilford, for the time being, shall at  
6 all times have the power to regulate and control the acts and  
7 doings of said corporation which may in any manner affect  
8 the health or safety or become a nuisance to the inhabitants  
9 of said town.

Sect. 6. This act shall be in lieu of "An Act to incorporate  
2 the Guilford Electric Light and Power Company," passed  
3 by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature  
4 assembled, for the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-  
5 dred and ninety-nine, which is hereby repealed.

Sect. 7. The rights and privileges created by this act  
2 enlarging the corporate powers and privileges of the Piscata-  
3 quis Woolen Company, whose plant is located at the north  
4 end of the dam across the Piscataquis river, at Guilford Vil-  
5 lage, enabling said company to make, generate, sell, distribute  
6 and transmit electricity for lighting, manufacturing and  
7 mechanical purposes, shall extend to the water privilege at  
8 the south end of said dam in said town of Guilford, which  
9 rights and privileges may be exercised by the present owner  
10 of said privilege, the Kineo National Bank of Dover, Maine,  
11 and by said bank transfer and convey to any person or cor-  
12 poration that it may convey the said privilege to and by such

13 person or corporation exercise in connection with the use of  
14 said privilege, except that the present owner, or such person  
15 or corporation as said bank may convey to as aforesaid, shall  
16 not engage in selling or distributing electricity for lighting  
17 purposes in the town of Guilford except that it may generate  
18 and distribute electricity for lighting purposes for his or its  
19 own use.

Sect. 8. This act may be accepted at any regular meeting  
2 of said Piscataquis Woolen Company.

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

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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Augusta, February 22, 1905.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*