

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 359

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Van Buren Light and Power
Company.

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

Section 1. Henry A. Gagnon, Levite V. Thibodeau,
2 Simeon Cyr and William H. Scott, their associates, succes-
3 sors and assigns, are hereby constituted a corporation by the
4 name of the Van Buren Electric Light and Power Company,
5 with all the powers and subject to all the liabilities of corpo-
6 rations.

Sect. 2. Said company is authorized and empowered to
2 carry on the business of lighting by electricity or otherwise
3 such public streets in the town of Van Buren, and in Hamlin,
4 and such buildings and places therein, public and private, as
5 may be agreed upon by said corporation and the owners or
6 those having control of such places to be lighted, and may

7 furnish motive power by electricity or otherwise within said
8 towns, and may build and operate manufactories and works
9 for providing and supplying electricity, light and power, and
10 may take, lease, purchase, and hold real estate and personal
11 estate to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars, and to
12 construct, lay, maintain, and operate lines of wire or other
13 material for the transmission of electricity or power, upon,
14 under, along and over any and all streets, and ways under
15 the direction of the municipal officers of said towns respec-
16 tively.

Sect. 3. Said company shall repay to any town any sum of
2 money which such town may have been compelled to pay on
3 any judgment for any damages caused by a defect or want
4 of repair in the streets thereof due to the negligence of said
5 company, or any judgment for damages caused by the neg-
6 lect of said company in the erecting and maintaining posts,
7 wires or appurtenances connected with said business: pro-
8 vided said company shall have notice in writing of any such
9 suit wherein such damages are claimed, and shall be allowed
10 to defend the same at its own expense.

Sect. 4. Said company shall not be allowed to obstruct or
2 impair the use of any public or private drain or sewer, tele-
3 graph or telephone wire, but may cross or when necessary
4 change the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or
5 sewer, in such a manner as not to obstruct or impair the use
6 thereof, being responsible to the owner or other person for
7 any injury occasioned thereby, in an action on the case.

Sect. 5. Damages for any land or other property, taken for
2 the purpose of erecting or laying said lines, if the parties
3 cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid the same
4 as damages in the construction of railroads.

Sect. 6. The capital stock of said company shall be fifteen
2 thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars
3 each, with the privilege of increasing said capital stock from

4 time to time as the stockholders may determine to any
5 amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and
6 said company is hereby authorized to issue bonds to an
7 amount not exceeding the amount of its capital stock sub-
8 scribed for, and upon such rates and times as it may deter-
9 mine, and secure the same by a mortgage of its franchises
10 and property.

Sect. 7. The first meeting may be called by either corpo-
2 rator giving five days' notice by mail to his associates, stat-
3 ing the time and place thereof, or by publication of said notice
4 at least once in a newspaper published in Aroostook county,
5 said publication to be at least five days before said meeting.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 3, 1905.

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and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*