

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 423

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Wells Electric Light and Power
Company.

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

Section 1. George G. Hatch, Joseph D. Eaton, John
2 Rankin, Freeman E. Rankin, George H. Littlefield, Joseph
3 H. Littlefield and J. Warren Gordon, their associates, suc-
4 cessors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate by
5 the name of the Wells Electric Light and Power Company,
6 with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to
7 all the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on
8 corporations by law, except as otherwise provided herein.

Sect. 2. Said company is authorized and empowered to
2 carry on the business of lighting by electricity such public

3 streets of the town of Wells, and such buildings and places
4 therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by said
5 corporation and the owners or those having control of such
6 places to be lighted; and may furnish motive power by
7 electricity within the limits of said town of Wells; and may
8 build and operate manufactories and works for the provid-
9 ing and supplying of electricity and light and power, and
10 may lease, purchase and hold real and personal estate for
11 the proper objects of the corporation, and to construct, lay,
12 maintain and operate lines of wire or other material for
13 the transmission of electricity, submarine, under ground,
14 upon, under and along and over any and all streets and
15 ways under the direction of the municipal officers of said
16 Wells; and in public places in such a manner as not to
17 endanger the appropriate public use thereof, and to estab-
18 lish and maintain, under direction of said municipal officers,
19 all necessary posts, pipes, supports and appurtenances, and
20 terminating at such points as may be expedient.

Sect. 3. For the erecting said wires above ground and for
2 laying the same, or pipes thereof, submarine or under
3 ground, and for taking up, replacing and repairing the
4 same, said company shall first obtain the consent of the
5 municipal officers of said town, and perform all said acts
6 as directed by said municipal officers; and said company
7 shall pay to said Wells any sum which said town may have
8 been compelled to pay on any judgment for any damages
9 caused by a defect or want of repair in the streets or ways

10 thereof, due to the neglect of said company, or on any
11 judgment for damages caused by the negligence of said
12 company in the erecting and maintaining of any posts, wires
13 or appurtenances connected with said business.

Sect. 4. 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
8 the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or sewer,
9 in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof,
10 being responsible to the owner or other person for any
11 injury occasioned thereby, in an action on the case.

Sect. 5. Damages for any land taken for the purposes
2 of erecting or laying said lines, if the parties cannot agree,
3 shall be estimated, secured and paid as in the case of lands
4 taken for railroads.

Sect. 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed
2 to 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 Wells, for the time being, shall at all
6 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 and safety, or become a nuisance to the inhab-
9 itants of said town.

Sect. 7. The capital stock of said company shall not
2 exceed thirty thousand dollars, divided into shares of fifty
3 dollars each.

Sect. 8. Said company is hereby authorized to issue bonds
2 for the construction of its works upon such rates and time,
3 and to such amount as it may deem necessary, not to exceed
4 thirty thousand dollars in all, and not to exceed the amount
5 of capital stock subscribed for, and to secure the same by
6 mortgage or deed of trust upon its franchise and property.

Sect. 9. Manufactories and other business corporations
2 doing business in said Wells are hereby authorized to sub-
3 scribe for and hold stock in said company.

Sect. 10. Any two of the corporators named in this act
2 may call the first meeting of the corporation by mailing a
3 written notice, signed by both, postage paid, to each of the
4 corporators, seven days at least before the day of the meet-
5 ing, naming the time, place and purpose of said meeting;
6 a president, secretary and directors may be chosen, by-laws
7 adopted, and any corporate business transacted.

Sect. 11. This act may be accepted at any regular meeting
2 of said association by a majority of the members present.

Sect. 12. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 8, 1907.

Reported by Mr. GOODWIN from Committee on Judiciary, and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*