

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 434

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT creating the Fort Kent Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. So much of the territory of the town of Fort
2 Kent as is bounded on the westerly side by the highway,
3 leading from the main road or street, in said Fort Kent, to
4 the so called "Violette settlement;" on the easterly side by
5 the division line between townships Number 18, Range 6
6 and Number 18, Range 7; on the northerly side by the St.
7 John river, and on the southerly side extending as far, on
8 the so called Ashland road as the northerly line of the so
9 called James Dee farm and as far on the Caribou road, as
10 the south line of the Delia Austin lot or premises, and com-
11 prising the territory upon which is situated Fort Kent vil-
12 lage, so called in the town of Fort Kent, together with the

13 inhabitants thereon residing, be and the same are hereby
14 created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Fort
15 Kent Village Corporation.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested
2 with power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to
3 raise money to purchase, repair and maintain one or more
4 fire engines, fire hose and all other necessary apparatus, for
5 the extinguishment of fires, to build, repair, and maintain
6 engine and hose houses, to construct reservoir, to contract
7 with individuals or corporations for the supply of water
8 under pressure for the extinguishment of fire and to main-
9 tain within said limits an efficient fire department; to defray
10 the expenses of a night watch, a police force and all other
11 necessary measures for the better security of life and prop-
12 erty, and the promotion of good order and quiet within its
13 limits.

Said corporation is also hereby authorized and vested with
15 power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise
16 money to generate, distribute and sell electricity, for heat
17 and lighting purposes within said limits, and to contract with
18 individuals or corporations for the supply of water under
19 pressure for household and family purposes, and the right
20 to do any or all of the above things wholly by said corpora-
21 tion, such as building, repairing, maintaining and supplying
22 water for fire protection and family use.

Sect. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the
2 purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and

3 polls within the aforesaid territory, by the assessors of said
4 corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for the
5 assessment of county and town taxes; and said assessors
6 may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors
7 of the town of Fort Kent, and assess the tax thereon, if said
8 corporation shall so direct, and may abate any tax by them
9 so assessed, the tax on polls not to exceed, at any one assess-
10 ment, the sum of one dollar to any one person in any one
11 year.

Sect. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors
2 of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of
3 money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it
4 shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to
5 assess said amount upon the estates and polls of persons
6 residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of
7 non-resident proprietors thereof, and the assessors to certify
8 and deliver to the treasurer or collector of said corporation,
9 whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as
10 county and town taxes are, by law, collected by towns, and
11 said corporation shall have power to direct the mode of
12 collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town
13 taxes.

Sect. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a
2 clerk, assessors, treasurer, collector, fire wardens, board of
3 police officers, and such other officers as may be provided
4 for in the by-laws of said corporation; the said fire wardens
5 to have exclusively all the power and authority within the

6 limits of said corporation that fire wardens have or may
7 have, chosen by towns at town meeting; the said board of
8 police officers to consist of such number as the corporation
9 may decide, who shall be duly sworn, and have power to
10 execute all warrants, and have the same power to prevent
11 public disturbances and preserve public peace within said
12 corporation, as is given by the laws of this state to constables,
13 and to restrain all infractions of, and carry into effect such
14 by-laws as said corporation shall adopt in pursuance of this
15 act.

Sect. 6. The said corporation, at any legal meeting thereof,
2 called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provi-
3 sions, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this
4 state and the United States, as they may deem expedient and
5 necessary for the better government and regulation of the
6 municipal affairs within said corporation, in which case such
7 by-laws and provisions so adopted, shall extend to said cor-
8 poration as fully, to all intents and purposes as the other
9 provisions of this act, subject only to alterations or additions
10 by a two-thirds vote, at a legal meeting of the corporation
11 called for the purpose.

Sect. 7. All meetings of said corporation after the first,
2 shall be notified by warrant of the assessors, notices of which
3 shall be posted in three public places within its limits, seven
4 days prior to the meeting, stating the time, place and pur-
5 poses of the meeting; and a meeting shall at any time be
6 called on the written application of seven legal voters to said

7 assessors stating the time, place and purposes for which said
8 meeting is requested.

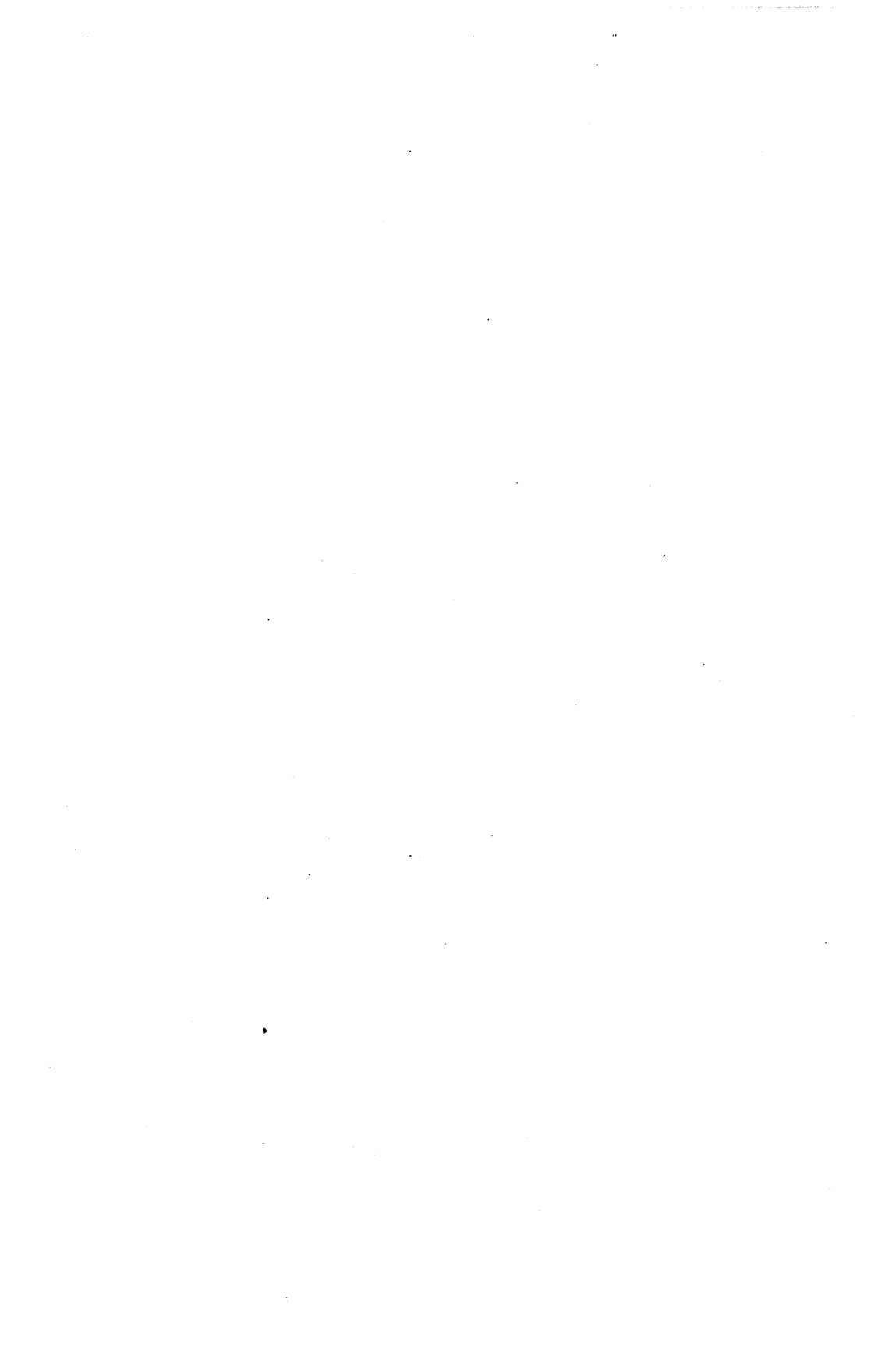
Sect. 8. This charter may be accepted at any time within
2 five years from its approval by the governor, and its rejec-
3 tion in any calendar year shall not prevent its acceptance in
4 any later calendar year during the time aforesaid; but only
5 one meeting to vote thereon, shall be held in any one calendar
6 year. Felix R. Morneault, A. G. Fenlason, Henry W.
7 Nadeau, W. H. Cunliffe, F. D. Goud, F. W. Mallett or any
8 one of them may call all meetings of the inhabitants of said
9 territory previous to the acceptance of this charter, by post-
10 ing a notice, stating the time, place and objects of said meet-
11 ing, in at least three public and conspicuous places in said
12 territory, at least seven days before the time of holding said
13 meeting, and all subsequent meetings shall be called and
14 notified by the assessors of said corporation as town meetings
15 are called and notified, unless said corporation shall other-
16 wise define the manner of calling and notifying its meetings
17 in its by-laws.

Sect. 9. Every person residing within the limits of said
2 corporation, qualified to vote for governor, senators and rep-
3 resentatives, shall be a legal voter at any meeting of said
4 corporation, provided that at any meeting for the adoption of
5 this charter, any person twenty-one years of age, not an
6 alien, owning real estate within the limits of this corpora-
7 tion, and residing therein, shall have the right to vote.

Sect. 10. At any meeting prescribed in section eight of
2 this act, the legal voters shall elect a moderator and clerk,

3 both of whom shall be sworn by some justice of the peace,
4 for the faithful discharge of their duties, and thereupon
5 said meeting shall proceed by ballot to vote on the question
6 of accepting this charter, and if a majority of all the legal
7 voters present and voting at said meeting, shall vote in
8 favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and said
9 corporation may immediately after said vote is declared,
10 proceed to the adoption of by-laws and the election of offi-
11 cers as provided in sections five and six of this act.

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect when approved.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 8, 1907.

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ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*