

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 574

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to grant additional powers to the Seabasticook Power
Company.

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

Section 1. The Seabasticook Power Company, a corpora-
2 tion organized under the general laws of Maine and located
3 at Pittsfield, is hereby authorized to generate, sell, distribute
4 and supply electricity for power, heating, lighting, manu-
5 facturing and mechanical purposes in and to any of the
6 cities and towns in Somerset, Waldo, Kennebec and Penob-
7 scot counties, or to any village corporation therein, or to
8 any corporation or individual now or hereafter doing busi-

9 ness in any such cities or towns; by carrying and conducting
10 electricity made and generated on its property from the
11 towns of Pittsfield and Burnham to and into any cities and
12 towns in said counties, and there to use the same in all ways
13 for its own purposes and there to sell the same for mechan-
14 ical, manufacturing, heating, lighting and power purposes.

Provided, however, that excepting the right to transmit
16 electricity by trunk lines through any part of said territory
17 to any other part thereof in which it legally may have or
18 acquire the right to distribute and sell the same, and except-
19 ing the right to sell electricity to any company or individuals
20 legally doing a similar business in any part of said territory,
21 nothing herein contained shall authorize said Seabastcook
22 Power Company to engage in business in any part of said
23 territory where it is not already authorized to do business,
24 in competition with any other corporation, association or
25 individual now or at any time hereafter prior to the com-
26 mencement of business in said territory by the Seabastcook
27 Power Company legally doing or authorized to do a similar
28 business therein without the consent of such other company.

And provided further that no corporation hereafter organ-
30 ized under the general law for doing an electrical business
31 in any town or towns in said territory shall be prevented
32 from doing such business by reason of this act unless said
33 Seabastcook Power Company shall have actually established
34 a distributive system in such town or towns prior to the
35 organization of such corporation.

Sect. 2. Said Seabasticook Power Company and any other
2 corporation organized for similar purposes and doing busi-
3 ness in said territory are hereby respectively authorized and
4 empowered to combine their properties, rights, privileges
5 and franchises by sale or lease, or otherwise, not contrary
6 to law, and the company so purchasing or otherwise acquir-
7 ing the plant, property, business, rights, privileges, fran-
8 chises and capital stock of the other shall have full right and
9 power to hold, exercise and operate the same.

Sect. 3. Said Seabasticook Power Company is hereby em-
2 powered to set poles and extend wires and lay pipes and
3 conduits and construct and maintain its lines in, upon, along,
4 over, across and under the streets and roads in any of said
5 territory for the purpose of furnishing electric light and
6 power for heating, manufacturing and mechanical purposes
7 for public and private use in said towns under such reason-
8 able restrictions as may be imposed by the municipal officers
9 of any such cities or towns, subject to the general laws of
10 the State regulating the erection of poles and lines and lay-
11 ing pipes and conduits for the purposes of electricity.

Sect. 4. Said Seabasticook Power Company at its own
2 expense, without unnecessary delay, shall remove any and
3 all obstructions in any street or way made in erecting or lay-
4 ing the lines for such purposes, and cause the earth disturbed
5 to be properly replaced. It shall not be allowed to obstruct
6 or impair the use of any public or private drain or gas pipe,
7 sewer, telegraph or railroad wire, but may cross and, when

8 necessary, change the direction of any private wire or pipe,
9 drain or sewer in such manner as not to obstruct or impair
10 the use thereof, being responsible to the owner or other per-
11 son for any injury occasioned thereby in any action on the
12 case.

Sect. 5. Said Sebecook Power Company is hereby em-
2 powered to take and to hold as for public uses such lands
3 and property as may be necessary for the purpose of said
4 corporation as herein provided, and in case said corporation
5 cannot agree with the owner or owners as to the price to be
6 paid therefor, the same shall be determined as provided by
7 law.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 15, 1907.

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

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*