

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 234

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the North Bridgton Water Company.

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

Section 1. Horace F. Proctor, Chesman C. Spratt, Edwin  
2 V. Spooner, and James Carroll Mead, of Bridgton, their  
3 associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a corpo-  
4 ration by the name of the North Bridgton Water Company,  
5 for the purpose of supplying Bridgton Academy, the village-  
6 of North Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland, and the  
7 inhabitants of that part of said town residing within a radius  
8 of one mile of said Bridgton Academy, with pure water, for  
9 domestic, sanitary, and municipal purposes, including the  
10 extinguishment of fires, with all the rights and privileges,

11 and subject to all the liabilities and obligations of similar  
12 corporations under the laws of this state.

Sect. 2. Said company for said purposes, may retain,  
2 collect, take, store, use and distribute water from any springs  
3 or wells, that it may acquire by purchase of the owner  
4 thereof, ponds, streams, or other water sources in said Bridg-  
5 ton, and may locate, construct and maintain cribs, reservoirs,  
6 dams, stand-pipes, gates, hydrants, pipes, and all other nec-  
7 essary structures to conduct and distribute the same through  
8 said part of said town of Bridgton in the usual manner.

Sect. 3. The place of business of said corporation shall be  
2 at North Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland, and state  
3 of Maine, and its business shall be confined to the said part  
4 of said town of Bridgton, in said county.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized for the pur-  
2 poses aforesaid, to lay, construct and maintain in, under,  
3 through, along and across the highways, ways, streets, rail-  
4 roads, and bridges in said town, and to take up, replace and  
5 repair all such sluices, aqueducts, pipes, hydrants and struc-  
6 tures as may be necessary for the purposes of its incorpora-  
7 tion, so as not to unreasonably obstruct the same, under such  
8 reasonable restrictions and conditions as the selectmen of  
9 said town may impose. It shall be responsible for all dam-  
10 age to persons and property occasioned by the use of such  
11 highways, ways and streets, and shall further be liable to  
12 pay to said town all sums recovered against said town for  
13 damages for obstruction caused by said company, and for all

14 expenses, including reasonable counsel fees incurred in  
15 defending such suits with interest on the same, provided said  
16 company shall have notice of such suits and opportunity to  
17 defend the same.

Sect. 5. Said company shall have power to cross any water  
2 course, private and public sewer, or to change the direc-  
3 tion thereof, when necessary for the purposes of its incorpo-  
4 ration, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the  
5 use thereof, and it shall be liable for any injury caused  
6 thereby. Whenever said company shall lay down any fix-  
7 tures in any highway, way or street, or make any alterations  
8 or repairs, upon its works in any highway, way or street, it  
9 shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction to  
10 public travel as may be practicable, and shall, at its own  
11 expense, without unnecessary delay, cause the earth and  
12 pavements there removed by it, to be replaced in proper con-  
13 dition.

Sect. 6. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all  
2 damages that shall be sustained by any person by the taking  
3 of any land or other property, or by flowage, or by excavat-  
4 ing through any land for the purposes of laying down pipes  
5 and aqueducts, building dams, reservoirs, and also damages  
6 for any other injuries resulting from said acts; and if any  
7 person sustaining damage as aforesaid, and said corporation  
8 cannot mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor,  
9 either party on petition to the county commissioners of  
10 Cumberland county, may have the damages assessed by

11 them; and subsequent proceedings and rights of appeal  
12 thereon, shall be had in the same manner and under the same  
13 conditions, restrictions and limitations, as are by law pro-  
14 vided in case of land taken for railroads.

Sect. 7. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate  
2 necessary and convenient for all its said purposes to the  
3 amount of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Sect. 8. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the con-  
2 struction of its work, upon such rates and terms as it may  
3 deem expedient, not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars,  
4 and secure the same by mortgage of the franchise and prop-  
5 erty of said company.

Sect. 9. The capital stock of said corporation shall be  
2 twenty-five thousand dollars, said stock to be divided into  
3 shares of ten dollars each.

Sect. 10. The first meeting of this corporation, may be  
2 called by written notice, signed by any one of the incorpo-  
3 rators, and served upon each of the other incorporators, at  
4 least seven days before the day of said meeting.

Sect. 11. This act shall become null and void in four years  
2 from the time when the same takes effect, unless the corpo-  
3 ration shall have organized and commenced the construction  
4 of its works under this charter.

Sect. 12. Said town of No. Bridgton may at any time  
2 after the expiration of five years from the opening for use  
3 and service of a system of water works constructed by said  
4 corporation and after a vote in a legal town meeting to that

5 effect has been passed, shall have the right to purchase, and  
6 by this act said corporation is required to sell to said town  
7 said system of water works including everything appertain-  
8 ing thereto, and if said town and corporation cannot agree  
9 upon the terms, upon such terms and that such price as shall  
10 be determined and fixed by the chief justice of the supreme  
11 court of the state of Maine, after due hearing of the parties  
12 interested, and from the decision of said chief justice there  
13 shall be no appeal.

Sect. 13. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 9, 1907.

Reported by Mr. PUTNAM from Committee on Judiciary, and laid  
on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.