

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 60

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*House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1911.*

*Introduced by Mr. Cyr of Fort Kent, who moved its reference to the Committee on Judiciary. By him tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to incorporate Fish River Light and Power Co.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. George Cutler, George E. Dunn, William C.  
2 Donnell, Joseph A. Michaud, Joseph A. Guy, Michel Mi-  
3 chaud, Lester F. Bradbury, George V. Cunliffe, Joseph  
4 Labbe, Jr., Henry W. Nadeau, Charles E. Jones and J. A.  
5 Laliberte, their associates, successors and assigns, are here-  
6 by made a body corporate by the name of Fish River Light  
7 and Power Co., with all the power, rights and privileges,  
8 and subject to all the duties and obligations conferred and  
9 imposed on corporation by law.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is authorized and empowered  
2 to carry on the business of lighting by electricity such pub-  
3 lic streets of the towns of Fort Kent, Frenchville, and St.  
4 Agatha, and Plantations of St. Francis, St. John, New  
5 Canada, Wallagrass, Eagle Lake and Winterville, and such  
6 buildings and places therein, public and private, as may  
7 be agreed upon by said corporation, and the owners of  
8 those having control of such places to be lighted; and  
9 may furnish motive power by electricity within the limits  
10 of said towns of Fort Kent, Frenchville and St. Agatha,  
11 and Plantations of St. Francis, St. John, New Canada, Wal-  
12 lagrass, Eagle Lake and Winterville; and may build and  
13 operate manufacturies and works for the providing and  
14 supplying of electricity and light and power, and may  
15 lease, purchase and hold real and personal estate for the  
16 proper objects of the corporation, and to construct, lay,  
17 maintain and operate lines of wire or other material for  
18 the transmissal of electricity, submarine, underground, up-  
19 on, under and along and over any and all streets and ways  
20 under the direction of the municipal officers of said towns  
21 of Fort Kent, Frenchville, and St. Agatha, and Plantations  
22 of St. Francis, St. John, New Canada, Wallagrass, Eagle  
23 Lake and Winterville; and in public places in such a man-  
24 ner as not to endanger the appropriate public use thereof,  
25 and to establish and maintain under the direction of said  
26 municipal officers, all necessary posts, pipes, support and ap-  
27 purtenances, and terminating at such a point as may be

28 expedient, providing the motive power will be taken from  
29 the Fish River below Eagle Lake, and the said Fish River  
30 Light and Power Co. is hereby authorized to buy or lease  
31 said power from the Fish River Improvement Co.

Sect. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make  
2 contracts with the inhabitants of said towns of Fort Kent,  
3 Frenchville and St. Agatha, and said Plantations of St.  
4 Francis, St. John, New Canada, Wallagrass, Eagle Lake  
5 and Winterville, or any village corporation or association  
6 in said towns and plantations for the purpose of supplying  
7 electricity as contemplated by this act, and said towns of  
8 Fort Kent, Frenchville and St. Agatha, and Plantations  
9 of St. Francis, St. John, New Canada, Wallagrass, Eagle  
10 Lake and Winterville, are hereby authorized by its munici-  
11 pal officers to enter into contracts with said corporation for  
12 a supply of electricity for any and all purposes mentioned  
13 in this act, and for such exemptions from public burden as  
14 said towns and plantations and said Company may agree,  
15 which, when made, shall be legal and binding upon all par-  
16 ties thereto.

Sect. 4. All locations upon streets, roads and ways in  
2 said towns and Plantations necessary for the purpose of  
3 this act are hereby granted, and the municipal officers of  
4 said towns and plantations herein named shall designate  
5 the streets, roads or ways so to be occupied, and may es-  
6 tablish reasonable restrictions as to the kind of poles, of their  
7 construction and maintenance.

Sect. 5. And said corporation is hereby authorized to  
2 erect said posts and wires above ground or wires under  
3 ground and lay the same thereof, and take up, replace and  
4 repair the same and perform all said work that is neces-  
5 sary to carry on the purpose of said act; and said cor-  
6 poration shall repay to said towns of Fort Kent, French-  
7 ville and St. Agatha, and Plantations of St. Francis, St.  
8 John, New Canada, Wallagrass, Eagle Lake and Winter-  
9 ville, any sum which said towns and plantations may have  
10 been compelled to pay on any judgment or any damages  
11 caused by a defect or want of repair, in the streets or ways  
12 thereof due to the neglect of said corporation, or on any  
13 judgment for damages caused by the negligence of said  
14 corporation in the erecting and maintaining of any posts,  
15 wires, or appurtenances connected with said work.

Sect. 6. Damages for any land taken for the purpose of  
2 erecting or laying said line, if the parties cannot agree, shall  
3 be estimated, secured and paid as in the case of land taken  
4 for highway.

Sect. 7. The capital stock of said Company shall not  
2 exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, divided into shares of  
3 one hundred dollars each.

Sect. 8. Said Company is authorized to issue bonds for  
2 the construction of its work upon such a rate and time,  
3 and to such amounts as it may deem necessary not to ex-  
4 ceed twenty-five thousand dollars in all, and not to exceed  
5 the amount of capital stock subscribed for, and to secure the

6 same by mortgage or deed of trust upon its franchise and  
7 property.

Sect. 9. Any two of the corporators named in this act  
2 may call the first meeting of this corporation by mailing  
3 a written notice, signed by both, postage paid, to each of  
4 the corporators, seven days at least before the day of the  
5 meeting naming the time, place and purpose of said meet-  
6 ing; a president, secretary and directors may be chosen,  
7 by-laws adopted, and incorporate business transacted.

Sect. 10. This act may be accepted at any regular meet-  
2 ing of said association by a majority of the members pres-  
3 ent.