

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 212

House of Representatives, Feb. 16, 1911.

Reported by Mr. Skchan from Committee on Railroads and Expresses and ordered printed under joint rules.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT in relation to the Belfast and Liberty Electric Rail-
road Company.

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

Section 1. The organization of the Belfast and Liberty
2 Electric Railroad Company, a corporation established by
3 Chapter three hundred forty-one of the Private and Spe-
4 cial Laws of the State of Maine, for the year nineteen hun-
5 dred nine, as now existing, is hereby ratified and confirmed,
6 and all the rights, powers and privileges, conferred by said
7 Chapter three hundred forty-one are hereby vested in said
8 corporation, and the further period of two years from the
9 date when this act takes effect is hereby granted said cor-

10 poration in which to commence actual business under its
11 charter.

Sect. 2. Said corporation, the Belfast and Liberty Electric
2 Railroad Company, is hereby authorized and permitted by
3 a vote of its stockholders representing a majority of the
4 stock issued, to increase its capital stock to any amount not
5 exceeding one million dollars.

Sect. 3. Said corporation, the Belfast and Liberty Electric
2 Railroad Company, is hereby granted the further right to
3 build, equip, maintain and operate an extension of its road
4 through the towns of Palermo, in the county of Waldo, and
5 the towns of China, Vassalboro, Windsor and Augusta in
6 the county of Kennebec, with like privileges respectively in
7 each of said towns, and subject to like restrictions in each
8 of said towns as provided by said Chapter three hundred
9 forty-one for the construction of its line through the towns
10 specified in said chapter, and with the further right to make,
11 generate, sell, distribute and supply electricity in the towns
12 of Belfast, Morrill, Searsmont, Belmont, Montville, Free-
13 dom, Liberty, Palermo, China, Vassalboro, Windsor and
14 Augusta. Said corporation is also authorized to conduct
15 the same business in other places for all purposes except
16 lighting.

For the purpose of constructing and establishing its plant
18 or plants, and the maintenance thereof, including its power
19 and transforming stations and pole lines, and for any or
20 all of the purposes of its incorporation, said corporation is

21 authorized to take any land as for public uses. When said
22 corporation finds it necessary for its uses and purposes to
23 take land, it shall file in the office of the county commis-
24 sioners of the county where the land so taken is situated
25 plans and descriptions thereof. No entry shall be made
26 on any lands owned by other persons, except to make sur-
27 veys, until the expiration of ten days from said filing, and
28 with such plans and descriptions said company may file a
29 statement of the damages it is willing to pay to the owner
30 for the land so taken. If the amount finally awarded does
31 not exceed that sum, the company shall recover costs against
32 such owner; otherwise such owner shall recover costs
33 against said company. Said company shall be held liable
34 to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person by
35 reason of the taking of such land; and if any person sus-
36 taining damage as aforesaid shall not agree with said com-
37 pany upon the sum to be paid therefor, either party, on peti-
38 tion to the county commissioners of the county where the
39 land so taken is situated, within six months after said plans
40 and descriptions are filed, may have the damages assessed
41 by them; and subsequent proceedings and the right of ap-
42 peal therein shall be had in the same manner and under the
43 same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law
44 prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of high-
45 ways. Failure to apply for damages within said period of
46 six months shall be held to be a waiver of the same.