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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

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STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Sangerville Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. The territory in the town of Sangerville em-

- 2 braced within the following limits: Beginning at the north-
- 3 westerly corner of the town, thence southerly along the
- 4 westerly line of the town to the range line between ranges
- 5 two and three, thence easterly along said range line to its
- 6 intersection with the lot line between lots six and seven.
- 7 thence northerly along said lot line between lots six and
- 8 seven to the northerly line of the town, thence westerly
- 9 along the northerly line of the town to the point of begin-
- 10 ning, together with the inhabitants thereon residing, is here-
- 11 by created a body politic and corporate by the name of the
- 12 Sangerville Village Corporation with all the rights and privi-

- 13 leges granted by the laws of the state to similar corporations.
 - Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized at any legal
 - 2 meeting called for the purpose, to raise by assessment, as
 - 3 hereinafter provided, such sums of money as may be deemed
 - 4 necessary and sufficient to pay for water under pressure for
 - 5 the extinguishment of fires and for other municipal and
 - 6 public purposes within its limits, and to pay the legal and
 - 7 necessary expenses of conducting the business of the corpo-
 - 8 ration, including the compensation of any of its officers to
 - 9 whom it may vote a salary.
 - Sect. 3. Said corporation may contract with individuals
 - 2 or corporations for the supply of water under pressure for
 - 3 the extinguishment of fires and for other municipal and
 - 4 public purposes, and for domestic and family use, and it
 - 5 may, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, vote to
 - 6 assume any contract to which the town of Sangerville may
 - 7 be a party, providing for and relating to the furnishing of
 - 8 water under pressure for said purposes.
 - Sect. 4. Money raised by said corporation for the pur-
 - 2 poses 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
 - 5 the assessment of county and town taxes, provided that it
 - 6 shall not be legal to assess polls exceeding one dollar; and
 - 7 said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property
 - 8 made by the assessors of the town of Sangerville, and assess
 -) the tax thereon; or if the corporation shall so direct, may

10 correct said valuation or make a new valuation thereof, and 11 assess the tax on that valuation, and they may make abate12 ments on taxes assessed in the same manner as assessors of 13 towns may do.

Sect. 5. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors 2 of the corporation by the clerk thereof, showing the amount 3 of money lawfully raised at any meeting they shall pro-4 ceed as soon as may be to assess the same upon the polls 5 and estates of the persons residing, or embraced within the 6 limits of the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates therein 7 of non-resident proprietors, and the assessment so made 8 shall be certified and delivered to the collector of said cor-9 poration, who shall collect the same as town taxes are col-10 lected, and pay the same within such time as his warrant 11 shall prescribe, to the corporation treasurer; and said col-12 lector shall have the same power and authority in collecting 13 the taxes so assessed as a constable or town collector has 14 by law for collecting town and county taxes, and shall en-15 force payment of the same in the same manner as a town 16 constable, or town collector, is required to do by law, and 17 the said corporation shall have the same powers to direct 18 the mode of collecting taxes as towns have in the collection 19 thereof.

Sect. 6. The officers of the corporation shall consist of 2 a clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors, and such other 3 officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said cor-4 poration.

Each of said assessors shall be the owner of real estate 6 within the corporation limits, and all of the officers of the 7 corporation shall hold office for one year from the date of 8 their election or until their successors are chosen and qualigoried, and shall severally have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation, that similar officers chosen by towns now have or may have; and it shall be lawful for said corporation to elect the same person to 13 the offices of collector and treasurer.

- Sect. 7. Said assessors shall be the general municipal offi-2 cers of the corporation, and shall have charge of its affairs 3 and of the expenditure of money therein.
- Sect. 8. All moneys received by the corporation from tax2 ation, or from any other source, shall be paid to the treas3 urer, and he shall receive the same and pay it out only on
 4 the order of the assessors, and no such order shall be drawn
 5 by them except upon a properly avouched bill of items.
 6 The treasurer shall keep regular accounts of all his official
 7 transactions, and exhibit the same to the assessors when
 8 requested, and make report to each meeting of the corpo19 ration at which officers are chosen.
- Sect. 9. The clerk shall record all the doings and pro-2 ceedings at the meetings of the corporation.
- Sect. 10. The collector and treasurer shall each give bond spin such sum as the corporation may direct, to be approved by the assessors.

Sect. 11. Said corporation at any legal meeting may adopt

2 a code of by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this state, 3 for the efficient management of its affairs.

Sect. 12. This charter may be accepted at any time within 2 three years from the date this act takes effect, and its re-3 jection in any calendar year shall not prevent its acceptance 4 in 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. Angus O. Campbell, Horace S. Stubbs, Clarence W. 7 Thomas, Arthur A. Witham and Alton L. Carr, 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-II ing, in at least three public and conspicuous places in said 12 territory, at least seven days before the time of holding 13 said meeting, and all subsequent meetings shall be called and 14 notified by the assessors of said corporation as town meet-15 ings are called and notified, unless said corporation shall 16 otherwise define the manner of calling and notifying its 17 meetings in its by-laws. Any one of the above named per-18 sons may preside at any meeting called to act upon the 19 acceptance of this charter, until after its organization and 20 after a moderator shall have been chosen by ballot and 21 sworn, and at all meetings of said corporation, a moderator 22 shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers as 23 in town meetings.

Sect. 13. The first election of officers of this corporation 2 shall be at the meeting of the legal voters of the corpora-

- 3 tion called to accept this charter, and the annual election of 4 officers shall be at such time as said corporation may provide 5 in its by-laws.
- Sect. 14. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing 2 in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any 3 meeting of the corporation.
- Sect. 15. At any meeting prescribed in section twelve 2 of this act, the legal voters shall elect a moderator and 3 clerk, both of whom shall be sworn by some justice of the 4 peace for the faithful discharge of their duties, and there-5 upon said meeting shall proceed by ballot to vote on the 6 question of accepting this charter, and if a majority of all 7 the legal voters present and voting at said meeting, shall 8 vote in favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and 9 said corporation may immediately after said vote is de-10 clared, proceed to the adoption of by-laws and the election 11 of officers as hereinbefore provided.
- Sect. 16. This act shall not bind the inhabitants of the 2 territory aforesaid until its acceptance by them as herein-3 before provided.