

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 630

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*House of Representatives, March 21, 1913.*

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*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to permit the Town of Pittsfield to obtain a pure  
water supply.

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

Section 1. The town of Pittsfield in the county of Somer-  
2 set by its municipal officers acting for and in behalf of said  
3 town is authorized and empowered to take water from a  
4 pond known as White's pond, or from a pond known as  
5 Hicks' pond, both of said ponds being located in the town  
6 of Palmyra in the county of Somerset, or from a pond in  
7 the town of Hartland in said county known as Starbird  
8 pond, or make a contract with any person or corporation to  
9 supply water in sufficient quantities for domestic, munici-

10 pal, manufacturing and industrial purposes, including suffi-  
11 cient quantities to extinguish fires, supply hotels, laundries,  
12 livery stables, business places and private dwelling, as well  
13 as for sprinkling lawns and streets, and for the purposes  
14 aforesaid to convey any of the waters aforesaid by aque-  
15 ducts or pipes sunk to any depth desirable for said purposes  
16 and to lay said aqueducts or pipes under or over any water  
17 course, stream, brook, street, or highway in such manner  
18 as not unnecessarily to obstruct the same, and to take up,  
19 replace and repair all such aqueducts or pipes as may be  
20 necessary for conveying any of the aforesaid waters to the  
21 town of Pittsfield; provided, however, that if water is taken  
22 as aforesaid from said Starbird pond, the amount taken  
23 shall not diminish the supply necessary for the use of the  
24 Hartland Water Company.

Sect. 2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions  
2 of this act said town of Pittsfield by its municipal officers  
3 shall have power and are hereby authorized to take and hold  
4 by purchase or otherwise any lands or real estate necessary  
5 for laying and maintaining pipes, aqueducts, locks, gates,  
6 hydrants, dams, standpipes, reservoirs for conveying, stor-  
7 ing, holding and distributing and for roadways to be used  
8 as approaches thereto, doing no unnecessary damage; the  
9 said town of Pittsfield by its municipal officers may enter  
10 upon said lands or real estate so taken and held to make  
11 surveys and locations, and shall file in the registry of deeds  
12 in the county in which such lands or property lies plans of

13 such and locations showing the property taken within said  
14 county of Somerset; and within thirty days thereafter shall  
15 publish notice of such taking and filing in some newspaper  
16 published in said county wherein said land is taken, such  
17 publication to be continued three weeks successively, and  
18 such filing in the registry of deeds shall be in lieu of any  
19 other filing now required by law.

Sect. 3. Said town of Pittsfield shall be held to pay all  
2 damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons to  
3 themselves or their property occasioned by the use of streets  
4 or highways and shall pay to said towns or either of them  
5 all sums of money recovered by them or either of them  
6 against the said town of Pittsfield; and also all damages  
7 sustained by every person or persons by the taking of land,  
8 rights of way or other property or by excavating through  
9 any land for the purpose of surveying, locating and laying  
10 pipes or aqueducts and from any injuries resulting from  
11 said acts, and if any person or persons sustaining damages  
12 as aforesaid shall not agree with the municipal officers of  
13 said town of Pittsfield upon the sums to be paid therefor,  
14 either party upon petition to the county commissioners of  
15 Somerset county within twelve months after said plans are  
16 filed may have said damages assessed by them, and subse-  
17 quent proceedings and right of appeal thereon shall be had  
18 in the same manner and under the same conditions, restric-  
19 tions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case  
20 of damages by the laying out of highways; failure to apply

21 for damages within said twelve months shall be held to bear  
22 waiver of the same; said town of Pittsfield shall have the  
23 right to begin to occupy such lands or rights for the pur-  
24 poses described before the rendition of final judgment.

Sect. 4. The town of Pittsfield by its municipal officers  
2 is hereby authorized and empowered to contract with any  
3 person or corporation to construct aqueducts or pipes, gates,  
4 or hydrants or any other structure necessary upon land taken  
5 as hereinbefore prescribed; for the purpose of raising money  
6 to carry out the provisions of this act the town of Pittsfield  
7 may issue its bonds with interest coupons in behalf of said  
8 town, signed by its municipal officers and town treasurer,  
9 when authorized by vote of said town, to any amount which,  
10 taken with the other indebtedness of the town, will not ex-  
11 ceed the amount limited by the state of Maine; and said  
12 bonds shall be designated the Pittsfield Water Loan.