

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 165

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. St. Clair of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT to Authorize the Maine Water Company to Take
Water from Certain Lakes in Washington County.

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

Section 1. The Maine Water Company, for the purposes
2 of its incorporation, is hereby authorized to divert and use
3 water from Meddybemps, Little, Round, Pennamaquan,
4 Beaver, East Mugurrewock or West Mugurrewock Lakes in
5 Washington County.

Sect. 2. Said company, for the purposes of its incorpora-
2 tion is hereby authorized to take and hold by purchase, or
3 by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, which right
4 is hereby expressly conferred upon said company, any land

5 or interest therein or water rights necessary for dams, for
6 flowage, for power for pumping its water supply through
7 its mains, for reservoirs, for preserving the purity of the
8 water and watershed and for laying and maintaining aque-
9 ducts and other structures for taking, distributing, discharg-
10 ing and disposing of water.

Sect. 3. Said company is hereby authorized to lay in and
2 through such streets and highways and across such private
3 lands, and to repair and replace all such pipes, aqueducts
4 and fixtures as may be necessary and convenient for its cor-
5 porate purposes, and whenever said company shall lay any
6 pipes or aqueducts in any street or highway it shall cause
7 the same to be done with as little obstruction as possible to
8 the public travel and shall, at its own expense without un-
9 necessary delay, cause the earth removed by it to be replaced
10 in proper condition.

Sect. 4. In exercising the right of eminent domain hereby
2 conferred said company shall file in the office of the County
3 Commissioners of Washington and record in the Registry of
4 Deeds in said county, plans of the location of all lands or
5 interests therein or water rights, to be taken, with an appro-
6 priate description and names of the owners thereof. No
7 entry shall be made on any private lands, except to make
8 surveys, until the expiration of ten days from such filing,
9 whereon possession may be had of all said lands or inter-
10 ests therein or water rights so taken, but title thereto shall
11 not vest in said company until payment therefor.

Sect. 5. If any person, sustaining damages by any taking
2 as aforesaid, shall not agree with said company upon the
3 sum to be paid therefor, either party, upon petition to the
4 County Commissioners of Washington County, may have
5 said damages assessed by them; the procedure and all sub-
6 sequent proceedings and right of appeal thereon shall be
7 had under the same restrictions, conditions and limitations
8 as are by law prescribed, from time to time, in the case of
9 damages by the laying out of highways.

Sect. 6. All rights and privileges conferred by this act
2 upon the Maine Water Company may be assumed and exer-
3 cised by said company in common with any other water sup-
4 ply company created by the laws of this state. And said
5 Maine Water Company is further authorized to contract
6 with any corporation, partnership or individual for a supply
7 of water for the purposes of its incorporation.