

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE NO. 929

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*House of Representatives, March 24, 1915.*  
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*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 FIFTEEN

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AN ACT to authorize the town of Eden to own, maintain and  
operate an electric lighting plant.

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

Section 1. The town of Eden, a municipal corporation  
2 created and existing by law, in Hancock county, is hereby  
3 authorized and empowered to acquire, own, maintain and  
4 operate an electric lighting plant, to make, generate and  
5 transmit electricity for the purpose of lighting its streets,  
6 roads, public squares, and all buildings or parts of build-  
7 ings, owned and used or occupied by it; and for such pur-  
8 poses said town is vested with power to raise money and to  
9 provide for the raising of money, at its annual meeting or  
10 at any other legal meeting called for the purpose, for the

11 purchase or lease of lands, water power, and for the pur-  
12 chase of dynamos, steam or gas engines, plant, plant equip-  
13 ment and other apparatus necessary for equipping and prop-  
14 erly maintaining an electric lighting and power plant.

Sect. 2. Said town is also authorized to construct, lay,  
2 maintain and support lines of wire or other material for the  
3 transfer of electricity upon, under, along and over any and  
4 all streets and roads within the limits of said town, and for  
5 such purpose to erect, establish and maintain in and along  
6 said streets and roads all necessary poles, pipes, wires and  
7 apparatus, provided that said poles, wires and apparatus are  
8 so constructed, established and maintained as not unreason-  
9 ably to interfere with the public use of said streets and  
10 roads.

Sect. 3. The full management, control and operation of  
2 such electric lighting plant and property as said town may  
3 at any time acquire shall be by a board of commissioners  
4 composed of three members, to be chosen by ballot by the  
5 legal voters of said town. The first election shall be at the  
6 meeting of the legal voters of said town when the town by  
7 vote decides to act and do business under this act. One  
8 commissioner shall serve for one year, one for two years  
9 and the other for a period of three years from the date of  
10 said meeting. After the first election one commissioner shall  
11 be elected each year to serve for a term of three years. The  
12 selectmen of said town may fill such vacancies as may occur  
13 from time to time for the unexpired term. After the first

14 election the annual election of officers shall be at the annual  
15 town meeting. Each member shall receive for his services  
16 such sum as the town at a legal meeting may prescribe.

Sect. 4. This act shall not become operative unless it is  
2 ratified by the legal voters of said town of Eden, at a town  
3 meeting to be called and held in August, 1915, by warrant  
4 containing an article for the purpose. Said ratification shall  
5 be by written or printed "Yes" or "No" ballot provided by  
6 town clerk for that purpose.