

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE **NO. 86**

In Senate, Feb. 11, 1915.

*Reported by Sen. Garcelon from Committee on Legal Affairs,
and ordered printed and recommitted to the Committee.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to authorize the town of Southport to own and maintain an electric lighting and power plant.

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

Section 1. The town of Southport is hereby authorized to
2 acquire, construct, own and maintain an electric lighting and
3 power plant, and for such purposes said town is vested with
4 power to raise money and to provide for the raising of
5 money, at its annual meeting or at any other legal meeting
6 called for the purpose, for the purchase or lease of lands,
7 water power, and for the purchase of dynamos, plant, plant
8 equipment and other apparatus necessary for equipping and
9 properly 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
3 the transfer of electricity upon, under, along and over any
4 and all streets and roads within the limits of said town, and
5 for such purpose to erect, establish and maintain in and
6 along said streets and roads all necessary poles, pipes, wires
7 and apparatus, provided that said poles, wires and apparatus
8 are so constructed, established and maintained as not un-
9 reasonably to interfere with the public use of said streets
10 and roads.

Sect. 3. Said town is also authorized to use the electricity
2 by it manufactured and generated to light its streets, roads
3 and ways and all buildings and parts of buildings owned,
4 used or occupied by it and said town is further authorized
5 to sell, distribute and furnish electricity for lighting, heating
6 and power to individuals and corporations within said town.

Sect. 4. Said town is further authorized to purchase or
2 lease so much of the poles, lines, rights and property of the
3 Boothbay Harbor Light, Heat and Power Co. as is within
4 the limits of the town of Southport and said corporation is
5 hereby empowered to sell, transfer, convey or lease such
6 properties to said town. Said town is also authorized to
7 purchase power or electrical current of the Portland Devel-
8 opment Co., or any other firm, individual or corporation
9 supplying power or electrical current.

Sect. 5. 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.