

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 222

House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Tate of Topsham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to authorize the town of Richmond to acquire the property of Richmond Water Works, and to construct and maintain a system of water works within said town.

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

Section 1. The town of Richmond, in the County of
2 Sagadahoc, is hereby authorized and empowered to pur-
3 chase, and Richmond Water Works is hereby authorized to
4 sell and convey to said town of Richmond, all the property
5 of said corporation, or any part thereof, connected with its
6 water system in said town of Richmond, together with all

7 the rights and privileges connected therewith, subject, how-
8 ever, to any mortgage thereon, given to secure the payment
9 of bonds not due at the time of such sale and conveyance,
10 and to any contract for power for pumping entered into
11 by said corporation. Said town of Richmond by its munici-
12 pal officers, when duly authorized by a vote of the inhabi-
13 tants of said town, and said corporation are hereby
14 authorized and empowered to enter into a mutual written
15 agreement for the purchase and sale of said property upon
16 such terms as may be agreed upon by said town and said
17 corporation.

Sect. 2. After said town has acquired by purchase the
2 property named in the foregoing section, said town of Rich-
3 mond is hereby authorized and empowered to construct,
4 maintain and operate a system of water works of sufficient
5 capacity to supply to said town, to its inhabitants, to cor-
6 porations located in said town, to public buildings now
7 erected or which may be hereafter erected in said town,
8 pure water for municipal, domestic and other lawful pur-
9 poses, including the extinguishment of fires, with all the
10 rights and privileges and subject to all the liabilities and
11 obligations conferred and incumbent upon water companies
12 by the general laws of the state.

Sect. 3. Said town is hereby authorized and empowered
2 to acquire by purchase, or by exercise of the right of
3 eminent domain, which right is hereby expressly delegated
4 to said town for said purpose, any real or personal estate

5 other than that acquired from said company necessary and
6 convenient for the purposes aforesaid.

Sect. 4. For the purposes aforesaid, said town is hereby
2 authorized to take, detain and use the waters of any river,
3 ponds, streams or springs in said town of Richmond, to
4 conduct and distribute the same into and through said town,
5 and is also authorized to dig, drive, drill and maintain wells
6 and to conduct and distribute the water from the same into
7 and through said town, to survey for, locate, lay, erect and
8 maintain suitable dams, reservoirs, machinery, pipes, aque-
9 ducts, and fixtures; to carry its pipes or aqueducts under or
10 over any water course, bridge, street, highway or other way;
11 and said town is further authorized to enter upon and excavate
12 any highway or other way in such manner as least to obstruct
13 the same, to enter, pass over and excavate any land and to take
14 and to acquire, by purchase or by the exercise of the right of
15 eminent domain, any rights of way or of water, and in general
16 to do any acts necessary, convenient or proper for carrying
17 out any of the purposes hereinbefore specified. And said town
18 is further authorized, for the purpose of making all needed
19 repairs, or service connections, to lay its pipes through any
20 public or private lands and ways, with the rights to enter
21 upon the same and dig therein. Said town is also hereby
22 authorized to lay, construct and maintain its pipes across
23 the location of any railroad, and all work within the limits
24 of the railroad locations shall be done under the supervision

25 and to the reasonable satisfaction of the chief engineer of
26 the railroad company.

Sect. 5. Said town shall be held liable to pay all damages
2 that shall be sustained by any person or by the taking of
3 any land or other property, or by flowing or by excavating
4 through the same, the same to be taken and the damages
5 assessed therefor in the manner provided by law.

Sect. 6. Said town is hereby authorized to lay down and
2 and maintain in and through the streets and ways of said
3 town, all such pipes, aqueducts and fixtures as may be
4 necessary for the purposes hereinbefore specified.

Sect. 7. Said town is hereby authorized to contract with
2 the United States, the State of Maine, and all persons and
3 corporations to supply the same with water for all pur-
4 poses upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually
5 agreed upon, and to establish written regulations for the
6 use of said water.

Sect. 8. For the purpose of raising the money to carry
2 out the provisions of this act, the town of Richmond may
3 issue its bonds, with interest coupons, said bonds to be
4 signed by the municipal officers and treasurer of said town,
5 when authorized by a vote of said town, to an amount,
6 which, taken in connection with the other indebtedness of
7 the town, will not exceed the amount limited by the Consti-
8 tution of Maine. Said coupons need not be signed as the
9 bonds, but shall have printed or lithographed thereon the
10 signature of the town treasurer.

Sect. 9. The provisions of Sections two, three, four, five,
2 six and seven of this Act shall not become effective until
3 said town of Richmond has acquired by purchase the prop-
4 erty described in Section one of this Act.