

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, Jan. 13, 1927.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Forhan of Canton.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT in Relation to the Buckfield Village Corporation,  
Especially to Establish a Municipal Water System for Said  
Corporation.

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

Section 1. The Buckfield Village Corporation, created  
2 and duly organized by law, in the town of Buckfield and  
3 county of Oxford, in addition to the powers already granted  
4 it, is hereby authorized and empowered to install a municipi-  
5 pal water system for the purpose of supplying the Buck-  
6 field Village Corporation, the inhabitants of said Village  
7 Corporation and the inhabitants of the town of Buckfield  
8 with pure water for domestic, industrial, manufacturing,  
9 sanitary and municipal purposes, including the extinguish-  
10 ment of fires and all other purposes which the said corpo-  
11 ration may need water for, also the right to raise money at

12 any legal meeting of said corporation called for that pur-  
13 pose for repairing, sprinkling or applying any other sub-  
14 stance to the streets within the limits of said corporation  
15 for the purpose of keeping the streets in good order and  
16 laying the dust.

Sect. 2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions  
2 of this act so far as it relates to a water system, said Buck-  
3 field Village Corporation may detain, collect, store, use and  
4 distribute water from North pond, in said town of Buck-  
5 field, and from any tributaries to or source of water flow-  
6 ing into said pond, or from any stream flowing from said  
7 pond in the town of Buckfield, may enter upon any lands  
8 in said town of Buckfield for the purpose of making sur-  
9 veys for its pipe lines or works, and may take and hold by  
10 purchase or otherwise any land and real estate necessary  
11 for erecting dams, reservoirs, or for preserving the purity  
12 of the water in said water shed, and for laying and main-  
13 taining aqueducts and pipes for taking, discharging, con-  
14 veying and disposing of said water.

Sect. 3. Said Buckfield Village Corporation shall be liable  
2 for all damages that shall be sustained by any person or  
3 corporation to their property by the taking of any land what-  
4 soever, or water or by flowage, or by excavating through  
5 any land for the purpose of laying pipes, building dams or  
6 constructing reservoirs. If any person or corporation sus-  
7 taining damages as aforesaid and said Village Corporation  
8 shall not mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor,

9 such person or corporation may cause his or its damages  
10 to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same  
11 conditions, restrictions and limitations as are, or may be  
12 prescribed in the case of damages in laying out highways.

Sect. 4. Said Village Corporation is hereby authorized to  
2 lay in and through the streets and highways of the Buck-  
3 field Village Corporation and of the town of Buckfield, and  
4 to take up, repair and replace all such pipes, aqueducts and  
5 fixtures as may be necessary for the objects above set forth,  
6 and when said Village Corporation shall lay any pipes or  
7 aqueducts, or dig up any of said streets, it shall be done  
8 with as little obstruction to public travel as possible, and  
9 shall, without unnecessary delay, cause the earth to be re-  
10 placed in as good condition as possible, all digging in said  
11 streets, as above set forth, to be under the supervision of  
12 the selectmen of the town of Buckfield.

Sect. 5. Said Village Corporation, for the purpose of  
2 carrying into full effect, the provisions of this act in the  
3 establishing, constructing, furnishing, equipping and fully  
4 maintaining the water system herein contemplated, and for  
5 purchasing the property of the Buckfield Water Power &  
6 Electric Light Company, hereinafter mentioned, in this act,  
7 may, at any legal meeting of said Village Corporation, called  
8 for that purpose, raise money and issue bonds, registered  
9 or with interest coupons, in such denominations, and on  
10 such terms and rate of interest, as may be determined at  
11 such meeting, to an amount necessary for said purpose,

12 which taken in connection with any other indebtedness of  
13 such corporation, shall not exceed twenty per centum of the  
14 last regular valuation thereof. Said bonds shall be signed  
15 by the assessors and treasurer of said village corporation,  
16 but the coupons need be signed by the treasurer alone, and  
17 that by his facsimile signature.

Sect. 6. The care and management of said water system  
2 and the regulation of prices and charges for water sup-  
3 plied as herein contemplated shall be under the control of  
4 the assessors of said village corporation; or, if the village  
5 corporation, at any time, shall so vote, said duties shall be  
6 placed in the hands of a commission of three legal voters  
7 of said village corporation, one to be chosen for one year,  
8 one for two years, and one for three years, and after being  
9 first so chosen, one shall be annually chosen for a three  
10 years term. In case of a vacancy on said board or com-  
11 mission, the assessors shall fill the same by appointment  
12 until the next annual meeting of said village corporation.

Sect. 7. Said Buckfield Village Corporation shall be fur-  
2 ther empowered to purchase at a fair cash value, after this  
3 act shall have been legally accepted, all the pipes laid in the  
4 ground, hydrants set, dams built, and the entire property  
5 of the Buckfield Water Power & Electric Light Company,  
6 within the limits of said town of Buckfield, provided it de-  
7 sires to dispose of the same and will deliver the same free  
8 of all incumbrances, or with such incumbrances as may be  
9 agreed upon.

Sect. 8. Whoever shall knowingly or maliciously corrupt  
2 the water supply of said village corporation, whether frozen  
3 or not, or whoever shall wilfully and maliciously destroy  
4 any of the property of said village corporation shall be  
5 punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or  
6 by imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Sect. 9. Said village corporation shall not proceed under  
2 this act until after it shall have been accepted by a majority  
3 vote of the voters present at a meeting called for that  
4 purpose.