

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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 to Amend the Charter of Rumford Falls Village  
Corporation.

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*Emergency Preamble.* Whereas, Rumford Falls Village Corporation under the provisions of its charter does not have authority to raise by taxation or loan sufficient funds to provide adequate police and fire protection for said Rumford Falls Village Corporation and for lighting its streets and building and maintaining its public sewers, and

Whereas the said Rumford Falls Village Corporation cannot obtain such funds, unless its revenue is increased by the immediate passage of this act, and

Whereas, by the reason of the foregoing facts the immediate passage of this act is necessary for the preservation of

the public peace, health and safety, and in the judgment of this legislature constitutes an emergency measure within the meaning of the constitution, now, therefore,

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter fifty-four of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sect. 3. All moneys which shall be raised for the purposes aforesaid, or for any other purposes for which the corporation may lawfully raise money, shall be assessed upon the taxable polls and estates embraced within the limits of the corporation by the assessors thereof, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of town and county taxes, and said assessors may copy and adopt the last valuation of the property within said corporation as made by the assessors of the town of Rumford and assess the tax thereon, or they may correct said valuation, or make a new one thereof, and assess the tax on that valuation, and may make abatements of taxes in the same manner as assessors of towns may do, but the tax on polls shall not exceed one dollar, at any one assessment, to any one person in any one year. The whole tax assessed on the property for all purposes in any one year shall not exceed one and one-half of one percent of the last valuation as made or adopted by the assessors of said corporation, provided, however, said corporation shall have the right to raise money by loan for the purposes aforesaid at a legal

21 meeting called therefor, but the total indebtedness incurred  
22 thereby, shall at no time exceed three percent of the valua-  
23 tion aforesaid. All outstanding notes and bonds of said cor-  
24 poration up to, but not exceeding three percent of the valua-  
25 tion as aforesaid, are hereby declared to be legal and valid.'

Sect. 2. Section five of said act is hereby amended to read  
2 as follows:

'Sect. 5. Said assessors shall be the general municipal offi-  
2 cers of said corporation and shall have general charge of  
3 its affairs and of the expenditure of all money therein, ex-  
4 cept so far as the same may be committed to other officers or  
5 persons.

And said assessors may hire a village manager to assist  
2 them in the performance of their duties.'

Sect. 3. *Emergency Clause.* In view of the emergency  
2 set forth in the preamble, this act shall take effect when ap-  
3 proved.