

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 16

House of Representatives, Jan. 15, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Perham of Paris.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Incorporate the Paris Village Corporation.

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

Section 1. So much of the territory of the Town of Paris,  
2 in the County of Oxford, as is bounded and is described as  
3 follows, viz.: Part of lot numbered twelve and thirteen in  
4 the fifth range of lots in said Paris, bounded northerly by  
5 the northerly line of land of the Carter estate extended  
6 westerly to the range line between ranges four and five;  
7 westerly by the range line between ranges four and five;  
8 southerly by a line beginning at the southwest corner of  
9 lot numbered twelve in the fifth range; thence easterly by

10 the lot line between lots numbered eleven and twelve until  
11 it strikes the easterly side line of land of the Paris Hill  
12 Country Club produced in a southerly direction; thence  
13 northerly by said easterly side line produced and easterly  
14 line of said Country Club to land formerly of W. G. Ham-  
15 mond; thence easterly by the southerly side line of said  
16 Hammond's land and said line produced easterly to the  
17 range line between ranges five and six and easterly by the  
18 range line between ranges five and six, together with the  
19 inhabitants residing thereon, be and the same is hereby  
20 created a body politic and corporate by the name of Paris  
21 Village Corporation.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with power  
2 at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise such  
3 sums of money as may be sufficient for the purchase, repair  
4 and preservation of hose, buckets, ladders or other appara-  
5 tus for the extinguishment of fire, and for organizing and  
6 maintaining within the limits of said territory an efficient  
7 fire department, for lighting its streets, for the care and  
8 betterment of the village streets and common, and for  
9 officers' salaries and expenses and such other current ex-  
10 penses as this act calls for.

Sect. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the  
2 purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and  
3 polls within the aforesaid territory, by the assessors of said  
4 corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for  
5 the assessment of county and town taxes; and said asses-

6 sors may abate any tax by them so assessed. The tax on  
7 polls shall not exceed, at any one assessment, the sum of  
8 one dollar to any one person in any one year, and the tax  
9 on real and personal estates shall not exceed the rate of  
10 six mills on the dollar of assessment to any one person in  
11 any one year. The assessed value found by the local asses-  
12 sors shall not in any case exceed the value found by the  
13 town assessors.

Sect. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors  
2 of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of  
3 money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it  
4 shall be the duty of said assessors to assess in the month  
5 of August said amount upon the estates and polls of per-  
6 sons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the es-  
7 tates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and the assessors  
8 shall certify and deliver a tax warrant based on said assess-  
9 ment to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose  
10 duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county  
11 and town taxes are, by law, collected by towns, and said  
12 corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode  
13 of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of  
14 town taxes.

Sect. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a  
2 clerk, three assessors, a treasurer, a collector of taxes, a  
3 chief of the fire department and such other officers as may  
4 be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation, all of  
5 whom shall be duly sworn in by the clerk or by a notary

6 public. The collector of the Town of Paris may be the  
7 collector for this corporation.

Sect. 6. The said corporation, at any legal meeting there-  
2 of within the month of August, called for the purpose, may  
3 adopt such by-laws and provisions, not inconsistent with  
4 the laws and constitution of this state and the United States,  
5 as they may deem expedient and necessary for the better  
6 government and regulation of the municipal affairs within  
7 said corporation, in which case such by-laws and provisions  
8 so adopted, shall extend to said corporation as fully, to all  
9 intents and purposes as the other provisions of this act,  
10 subject only to alterations or additions by a two-thirds vote,  
11 at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the purpose.

Sect. 7. Annual meetings of said corporation after the  
2 year nineteen hundred twenty-nine shall be held on the first  
3 Tuesday after the first Monday in August of each year and  
4 shall be called by warrant of the assessors, notices of which  
5 shall be posted in two conspicuous public places within its  
6 limits seven days prior to the meeting and published in the  
7 nearest local paper in the two successive issues next pre-  
8 ceding the date of the meeting which notices shall state the  
9 time, place and objects of said meeting.

Sect. 8. This charter may be accepted at any time within  
2 one year from the date of its approval by the governor.  
3 Seward P. Stearns, E. Berton Curtis and Percival J. Parris,  
4 or any one of them, may previous to the acceptance of this  
5 charter call a meeting of the persons entitled to vote under

6 the terms and provisions of this charter. This meeting  
7 shall be called within the month of August in the year  
8 nineteen hundred twenty-nine by such notification as is  
9 required under the provision of section seven hereof; the  
10 first meeting of said corporation shall be held immediately  
11 after the acceptance of this charter.

Sect. 9. Every person residing within the limits of said  
2 corporation, qualified to vote for governor, senators and  
3 representatives and each person subject to legal assessment  
4 within said limits and the husband or wife of such person  
5 shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation, or  
6 any meeting for the adoption of this charter.

Sect. 10. At any meeting prescribed in section eight of  
2 this act, the legal voters shall elect a moderator and clerk  
3 (both of whom shall be sworn for the faithful discharge of  
4 their respective duties) and thereupon said meeting shall  
5 proceed by ballot to vote on the question of accepting this  
6 charter, and if a majority of all the legal voters present and  
7 voting at said meeting, shall vote in favor of its acceptance,  
8 then it shall take effect.