

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 12, 1935.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Leonard of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Authorizing Municipalities to Operate Electric Lighting Systems.

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

Sec. 1. Authority to construct and maintain an electric lighting system. Every municipality within the state shall have the right and power to acquire, own, operate, conduct and maintain within its corporate limits plants for the manufacture of electricity, for furnishing lights, power and heat for municipal use and for the use of the inhabitants therein as they may require.

Sec. 2. Inclusion. Such plants shall include suitable land, structures, easements, water privileges, stations, engines, dynamos, machinery, poles, wires, apparatus, appliances and facilities for making, generating and distributing electricity for the foregoing purposes, with full authority to regulate and control the same, the distributions and the price thereof, subject to the authority of the public utilities commission.

Sec. 3. Financing. In order to raise means to carry out the foregoing purposes, the power to issue and sell bonds is granted the said municipalities, provided, however, that whenever it shall be found impossible to issue bonds by reason of the inhibition of the constitution, it shall be lawful

for such municipality to lease any part of any public utility within its corporate limits generating electricity to furnish the same for such price as may mutually be agreed upon.