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H. P. 489

House of Representatives, January 28, 1937.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Packard of Houlton.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Consolidate the Houlton Water Company and the Houlton Sewerage Company and for Other Purposes.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1880, c. 227, § 2, as amended, further amended.** Section 2 of chapter 227 of the private and special laws of 1880 as amended by chapter 497 of the private and special laws of 1889, and as amended by chapter 148 of the private and special laws of 1903, and as amended by chapter 3 of the private and special laws of 1905, and as amended by chapter 109 of the private and special laws of 1907 is hereby amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 2. Powers of corporation.** Said corporation, The Houlton Water Company, may acquire and hold real and personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes as set forth in the provisions of the statutes as cited in section 1, and in addition thereto may acquire and hold stock in the Houlton Sewerage Company, said stock of the Houlton Sewerage Company not to exceed \$50,000; and may sell and convey the same, and said Houlton Water Company is specifically authorized to acquire and hold from Houlton Sewerage Company all of the real and personal estate, bonds, stock and

assets of every description now held and owned by the Houlton Sewerage Company, which real and personal estate, bonds, stock and assets, the said Houlton Sewerage Company is hereby authorized to sell and assign to said Houlton Water Company; and the said Houlton Water Company shall then be vested with all the rights, powers and privileges heretofore granted to said Houlton Sewerage Company. Said Houlton Water Company may issue certificates of stock to an amount not exceeding \$50,000; and may issue and sell bonds to an amount not exceeding \$200,000, to aid in the construction, extension, improvement and repair of its works, and to pay any existing debts whether represented by bonds, notes or accounts, and for the purchase of the whole or any part of the bonds, stock, **real or personal estate or other assets** of the Houlton Sewerage Company; and said bonds to the amount of \$200,000 may be purchased and held by the savings banks of Maine.'

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1880, c. 227, § 9, amended.** Section 9 of chapter 227 of the private and special laws of 1880 is amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

**'Sec. 9. Board of directors.** The affairs of said corporation shall be controlled by a board of directors consisting of 6 members, who shall be citizens and freeholders of the town of Houlton, but who need not be stockholders of said corporation, and who shall be elected by majority vote at the annual town meeting of said town of Houlton, as follows: at its next annual town meeting after this act shall take effect as amended, the town shall elect 2 directors to hold office for 1 year, 2 to hold office for 2 years, and 2 to hold office for 3 years, and at each annual meeting thereafter it shall elect 2 directors to hold office for 3 years; and the board of directors shall choose such other officers as may be from time to time required by the by-laws of the corporation.'

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1905, c. 31, § 1, as amended, further amended.** Section 1 of chapter 31 of the private and special laws of 1905, as amended by chapter 348 of the private and special laws of 1909, and as further amended by chapter 44 of the private and special laws of 1923 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Rights in re electricity.** The Houlton Water Company is hereby specially authorized and empowered to contract for, buy, make, generate and use electricity upon its property in the town of Houlton in the county of Aroostook, or other property hereafter acquired by said Houlton Water Company for the purpose, and to transmit, conduct, and distribute such electricity to, into and throughout the town and village of said Houlton

and the towns and villages of Linneus, Hodgdon, New Limerick, Ludlow, Smyrna, Merrill, Dyer Brook, Oakfield, **Amity, Orient, Cary Plantation** and Hammond Plantation, and sell and supply the same for lighting such public streets and such buildings and places therein, public and private, as may be agreed upon by said company and the owners of those having control of such streets and places to be lighted, and may transmit, sell and supply the same for heating, motive power, manufacturing or mechanical purposes in said towns and said plantations.'

**Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1905, c. 31, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 31 of the private and special laws of 1905, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 2. Further powers granted.** Said company is hereby authorized and empowered to build, erect and operate manufactories and works, for making, generating, distributing and supplying electricity upon said property, to use the same therein, and to erect, lay down, construct, maintain and operate lines of wires or other material for the transmission of electricity under, over and across any stream or river, and under, along, upon and over the streets, ways and bridges in said towns of Houlton, Linneus, Hodgdon, Ludlow, New Limerick, Smyrna, Merrill, Dyer Brook, Oakfield, **Amity, Orient, Cary Plantation** and said Hammond Plantation.'

**Sec. 5. Ratification.** This act shall not become operative until it is ratified by the qualified voters of the town of Houlton at a special meeting called for that purpose by an appropriate article inserted in the call for said meeting, prior to September 1, 1937 or at the regular meeting in March, 1938. Voting shall be by check list of qualified voters, and this act, subject to said ratification, shall take effect when approved by the qualified voters of the town of Houlton as aforesaid.