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House of Representatives, January 25, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. DeSanctis of Madison.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Amend "An Act to Incorporate Madison Village Corporation."**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1887, c. 8, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1887, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 2. May raise money by taxation for corporation purposes.** Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, or at its annual meeting, to raise money by taxation, or otherwise, including the power to issue bonds or notes therefor, provided, the whole amount does not at any one time, exceed 5% of the assessed valuation of such corporation, and provided also, that the amount raised by taxation in any one year shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% on a dollar of the valuation of the property within the limits of said territory; to bear the expense of a night watch, a police force, and all the other necessary measures for the better security of life and property and for the promotion of good order and quiet within its limits; for the purchase, lease, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, engine or hose houses, hose, buckets, ladders, and other apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, and for organizing and maintaining an efficient fire department; for sewers; for the purchase and improvement of lands for village parks or commons;

for the planting of shade trees; for the purchase or lease of lands for, and the building of a village hall and library; for the purchase of land for a village cemetery or burying ground, with the power to sell and convey the same in lots for burial purposes; for the building and maintaining of a lockup, or house of correction, a pest house, and for any acts necessary for the prevention of infectious diseases and the preservation of the public health and good order within its limits; to pay the interest on any debt or loan; for the purchase or lease of lands and water power for, and the building or purchase of dams, manufactories and works for the providing and supplying of electricity, light and power, for the purchase of dynamos and other apparatus for fully equipping, maintaining an electric or other kind of a light and power plant, and to construct, lay, maintain and support lines of wire or other material for the transmission of electricity or other light and power, submarine, underground, upon, under, along and over any and all streets and roads within the limits of said corporation, also all streets and roads in the towns of **Madison**, Anson and Starks, provided that permits be first secured for such purposes as provided by law, and to erect, establish and maintain in and along said streets and roads all necessary posts, pipes, supports and appurtenances for lighting the streets and buildings belonging to said corporation and the streets and roads of said towns of **Madison**, Anson and Starks, and provided that such posts, pipes, supports and wires are erected, established and maintained in such manner as not to interfere with or incommode the public use thereof; and hereby empowering said corporation to contract with and sell and distribute light and power to individuals and corporations; also including the right to purchase or lease the rights, privileges, properties and franchises of any other corporation incorporated or organized for the same purposes within the same territory, and hereby empowering such corporations to sell, transfer, convey or lease their privileges, properties and franchises to said corporation and for the purpose of constructing or purchasing of any individual or corporation, all necessary dams, pumping stations and reservoirs, mains, gates, aqueducts, hydrants, and all necessary structures for conveying to and supplying the inhabitants of said corporation with water, for all domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes, including the extinguishment of fires, including all the rights, powers, privileges and franchises granted or held by charter or otherwise, by the individual or corporation of whom the purchase is made; and said corporation is also hereby empowered for any of the purposes herein named, to take and hold, by purchase, gift or bequest, any real or personal estate, interest or easement in them, including the right to take as for public uses, any land or interests in real estate for any of the purposes herein named. Said corporation

shall be held liable to pay all damages that may be sustained by any person or corporation by the taking of lands and also for all damages for any other injuries resulting from any of the acts herein authorized, and if any person sustaining damage as aforesaid, shall not agree with said corporation upon the sum to be paid therefor, either party may cause such damages to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of highways, with the same rights of appeal. Failure to apply for such damages within 2 years shall be held to be a waiver of the same.'

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1887, c. 8, § 8, amended.** Section 8 of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1887 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 8. Bond of collector and treasurer.** The collector and treasurer shall give bonds ~~in double the tax so raised,~~ **to the corporation in such sums as the assessors shall determine with 2 or more persons, residents of the state of Maine, jointly worth above their liabilities the amount of the bonds, as sureties, or with some surety or bonding company authorized to do business in the state of Maine, as surety, to be and approved by the clerk and assessors.'**