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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Kelley of Rumford.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-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 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, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety ; now therefore,

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

**P. & S. L., 1895, c. 54, § 3, amended.** Section 3 of chapter 54 of private and special laws of 1895, as amended by private and special laws, 1927, chapter 21, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

**Sec. 3. How money shall be raised and assessed; valuation, how fixed; rate of taxation; indebtedness limited; outstanding obligations made valid.** 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 \$1, 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 per cent~~ 2% 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 meeting called therefor, but the total indebtedness incurred thereby, shall at no time exceed 3% of the valuation aforesaid. All outstanding notes and bonds of said corporation up to, but not exceeding 3% of the valuation as aforesaid are hereby declared to be legal and valid.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.