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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Delahanty of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

**AN ACT to Limit, Define and Confirm the Powers and Purposes of the
Lewiston-Auburn Transit Company.**

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

Sec. 1. Organization ratified and confirmed. The organization of the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Company under the provisions of chapter 65 of the revised statutes of 1930, now chapter 43 of the revised statutes of 1944, certificate of which is filed in the office of the secretary of state under date of January 29, 1941, successor to the Androscoggin & Kennebec Railway Company, in and to the franchise rights and privileges to operate a public passenger transportation system by motor vehicles for hire upon the public streets or highways within or between any of the cities and towns in which it has hitherto operated under the authority granted by chapter 86 of the private and special laws of 1937, is hereby limited, defined and confirmed as follows.

Sec. 2. Authority and purposes. Subject to the approval of the public utilities commission as now provided by law, said corporation is authorized and empowered to continue to operate a public passenger transportation system, from place to place over the streets, routes and highways as

now operated by it under its present existing charter ; and for such purpose to buy, own and acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, all necessary equipment as well as real and personal property ; provided said public transportation system is operated under a certificate or certificates issued by the public utilities commission of this state ; hereby granting to it all the powers that may legally be exercised by corporations organized under general law ; and further confirming all of the rights and privileges now exercised and enjoyed by it as a public passenger transportation system by motor vehicles.

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1937, c. 86, applicable in part; not applicable parts repealed. Said Lewiston-Auburn Transit Company shall be deemed to have all the rights, privileges and franchises insofar as the same are applicable to motor and bus service under the provisions of chapter 86 of the private and special laws of 1937 and insofar as said rights and privileges apply to such motor and bus service operation, the franchise granted under the provisions of said act is hereby ratified and confirmed. All provisions of said chapter 86 of the private and special laws of 1937, as well as the provisions of chapter 65 of the revised statutes of 1930, now chapter 43 of the revised statutes of 1944, relating to street railroads, so far as they apply to said franchise, are hereby repealed ; thereby divesting said corporation from all obligations and duties, as well as attributes, of a street railroad system.

Sec. 4. Subject to supervision of public utilities commission. The corporation shall be subject to the supervision of the public utilities commission of this state, and it shall have the same authority over this corporation as it has over other corporations engaged in the carriage of passengers by motor vehicles under the laws of this state.