

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

# THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

# 1854.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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lien shall have the preference, and be prior to all other liens and incumbrances whatever; and shall be enforced, and the rights and interests of said city protected, when necessary, by suitable and proper judgments, injunctions, or decrees of said supreme judicial court, on a bill or bills in equity; which power is hereby specially conferred on said court.

SECT. 12. This act shall not take effect unless it shall be accepted by said company, and by a vote of the inhabitants of said city, voting in ward meetings, duly called according to law, within six months after the approval of this act by the governor; and at least two-thirds of the votes cast at such ward meetings shall be necessary for the acceptance of this act. The return of such ward meetings shall be made to the aldermen of said city, and by them counted and declared, and said city clerk shall make a record thereof. And in case this act is accepted by the inhabitants of said city of Bangor and the said company, the thirteenth section of the act of incorporation of said company, approved March eighth, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, is hereby repealed.

Act, when to  
take effect.

Sec. 13, ch. 507,  
special laws of  
1852, repealed.

SECT. 13. The provisions of this act shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 1, 1854.]

## Chapter 201.

An act creating the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. The territory embraced within the limits of school district number six, in the town of Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland, and all that part of school district number seventeen, in said town, except Josiah Hazen and his estate, and so much of Benjamin Walker's estate as is known as the Potter farm, Nathan Hamlin and his estate, Eben Chapman and his estate, Josiah C. Hoyt and his estate, and Stuart Holmes and his estate, and the following persons and estates from school district number three, in said town, to wit: Augustus Perley and his homestead, Samuel Davis, junior, and his estate, Benjamin Cleaves and his estate, the estate of Caleb F. Page, Joshua Stowe and his estate, George Dodge and his estate, John Dodge

Limits of terri-  
tory embraced in  
the corporation.

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and his estate, Mial J. Merrill and his estate, and the estate of Silas Dunn, together with the inhabitants thereon, be and the same hereby is created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Bridgton Centre Village Corporation.

Corporate name.

Power to raise money for the purchase of fire engines, &c.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with the power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise such sums of money as may be sufficient for the purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, engine houses, hose, buckets, ladders and other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire, for the construction of reservoirs and aqueducts, for the procuring of water, and for organizing within the limits of said territory an efficient fire department.

Money, how assessed, &c.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within said territory, by the assessors of said corporation in the same manner as is provided for the assessment of county taxes, and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of said town of Bridgton and assess the tax thereon if said corporation shall so direct, or may correct said valuation, or make a new valuation thereof, according to the principles of the valuation established for the year when any tax is to be assessed, and assess the same on such valuation.

Duty of assessors to assess amount of money raised, &c.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors as soon as may be to assess said amount upon the polls and estates of persons residing on said territory, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and the assessment to certify and deliver to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by said towns, and said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Assessment, how collected.

Officers.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, assessors, collector, fire wardens, and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation, which said fire wardens shall have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation that fire wardens now have or may have, chosen by towns in town meetings.

Powers and duties.

SECT. 6. Said corporation, at any legal meeting thereof, may adopt a code of by-laws for the regulation and government of the same and for the efficient management of the fire department aforesaid, *provided* the same are not repugnant to the laws of the state.

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By-laws.

SECT. 7. Sewall C. Strout, Samuel W. Wilson, and Richard Davis, or either of them, are hereby authorized to issue a warrant directed to some member of said corporation, requiring him to notify the members thereof to assemble at some suitable time and place in said Centre Bridgton Village, by posting notices in two public places within said village, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and the certificate of such person on the back of said warrant, shall be deemed sufficient evidence of such notice, and said corporation shall have power to determine in what manner meetings of the same shall be notified.

First meeting,  
how called.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after it is approved by the governor, so far as to authorize the calling of the first meeting of said corporation, and shall be in full force after it shall have been accepted by a majority of the voters present, at a meeting of said corporation called agreeably to the seventh section of this act.

Act, when to  
take effect.

[Approved March 1, 1854.]

### Chapter 202.

An act additional authorizing the city of Bangor to regulate the building of wharves in Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

That the city of Bangor is hereby authorized to determine by their city council how far wharves and piers may be extended into the Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river, within the limits of said city, and they are hereby authorized to cause all obstructions of any description existing in said Kenduskeag stream and Penobscot river, not authorized by law, to be removed.

City council of  
Bangor author-  
ized to limit the  
extension of  
wharves in the  
Kenduskeag  
stream and  
Penobscot river.

[Approved March 1, 1854.]