

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1880.

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CHAP. 227 now provided by law, and by him advertised, according to law, within three months from the date of said re-assessment.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1880.

### Chapter 227.

An act to supply the people of Houlton with Pure Water.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Walter Mansur, Hudson T. Frisbie, Almon H. Fogg, James Frank Holland, Charles P. Tenney, Charles D. Merritt, Black Hawk Putnam, Benjamin L. Staples, Eben Woodbury, John H. Bradford, with their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Houlton Water Company, for the purpose of furnishing to the people of Houlton a supply of pure water for domestic, mechanical and manufacturing purposes, and to the town of Houlton, water for the extinguishment of fires and other public uses, with all the rights, privileges and immunities incident to similar corporations.

Corporate name.

Purposes.

May take and hold estate, issue certificates of stock and bonds.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold real and personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in amount fifty thousand dollars; may sell and convey the same; may issue certificates of stock to an amount not exceeding the amount of its capital stock, actually paid in; and may issue and sell bonds to an amount not exceeding one-half of its capital stock, so paid in, to aid in the construction of works.

Authorized to take, convey and distribute water in Houlton.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized for the purposes aforesaid, to take, hold, convey to, into and through the village of Houlton, water from all springs, artesian wells and running streams, situate in the town of Houlton, or in its vicinity, to which said corporation may at any time acquire title, by purchase or otherwise; and also may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any land, or real estate, or easement therein, necessary for forming reservoirs, and for laying and maintaining conduits for carrying and distributing, discharging and disposing of water, and for providing an additional supply of water at any time, by pumping or

otherwise, and for any other object necessary, convenient and proper for the purposes of this act.

SECT. 4. Said corporation may construct conduits, in manner aforesaid, from their sources of water supply to, into and through said town of Houlton, and secure and maintain reservoirs, dams, and heads of water; may erect and maintain hydrants, stand pipes, and all usual fire guards, public and private; may build and maintain pumping stations, and buildings, constructions and appliances for using water for mechanical and manufacturing purposes; and may establish regulations for the use of the water, and fix and collect the prices and rents to be paid therefor. And said corporation is hereby authorized, for the purposes aforesaid, having first obtained the permission of the municipal officers of said town, and under such restrictions and regulations as said municipal officers may prescribe, to lay down, in and through the streets, highways and lands of said town, and take up, replace and repair all such conduits, pipes and fixtures, as may be necessary for the objects of its incorporation; to carry and lay conduits and pipes under any water course, railroad or private way, and to cross any drain or sewer, or, if necessary, to change its direction in such manner as not to obstruct the use thereof; and to enter and dig up any such street, road or way, for the purpose of laying down pipes beneath the surface thereof, for erecting and placing hydrants or other fixtures, and for maintaining and repairing the same, and in general to do any other acts and things necessary, convenient and proper to be done for the purposes of this act.

May construct conduits, hydrants, reservoirs, buildings, etc.

Authorized to lay down pipes in streets by permission of municipal officers.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall file in the registry of deeds for the southern district of Aroostook county, a certificate containing a description of land taken, or in which an easement may be taken, under the provisions of this act and a statement of the purposes for which it is taken, to be recorded by the register; and such land or easement shall be deemed to be taken upon the filing of such certificate.

Description and statement to be filed in registry of deeds.

SECT. 6. Said corporation shall be liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person in his property by the taking of any land, or easement therein, under the provisions of this act; and if any person sustaining damage as aforesaid, and said corporation shall not mutually agree upon the sum to be paid therefor, such person may cause his dam-

Liability to damages to persons and property.

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ages to be ascertained in the same manner and under the same conditions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the location of railroads.

Water to be supplied at reasonable rates.

SECT. 7. Said corporation, at all times, after it shall commence receiving pay for water supplied by it, shall be bound to furnish, at reasonable rates, to the inhabitants of said town of Houlton, in their corporate capacity, water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other public uses, upon reasonable demand therefor by the municipal officers.

Penalty for corrupting waters or injury to property.

SECT. 8. Any person who shall corrupt the waters of any of the sources of supply, or reservoirs of said corporation, or render them impure, or who shall throw or leave any offensive matter or materials upon them when frozen over, or who shall wilfully injure any dam, reservoir, conduit, pipe, hydrant, engine, water wheel, or other property held, owned or used by said corporation for the purposes of this act, shall pay three times the amount of damages to said corporation, to be recovered in any proper action; and every such person, on conviction of either of said acts aforesaid, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding one year.

Board of directors and other officers.

SECT. 9. The affairs of said corporation shall be controlled by a board of directors, consisting of not less than five members, who shall be citizens of the town of Houlton, and elected annually by vote of the stockholders of the corporation; and the board of directors shall choose such other officers as may from time to time be required by the by-laws of the corporation.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 10. Any two of the persons mentioned in the first section of this act, may call the first meeting of said corporation, by publishing notice therefor, two weeks, in a newspaper printed in said Houlton.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1880.