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Chapter 525.

An Act to incorporate the Presque Isle Village Fire Department.

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

Limits.

SECT. 1. The territory embraced within the following described limits in the town of Presque Isle, to wit: Commencing on the road leading from Presque Isle village to Houlton at the north line of land of G. M. Park; thence easterly on the south line of land of Charles H. Clark, George F. Whitney, Dudley and Fairfield, and J. H. Lincoln to said Lincoln's east line; thence northerly on the east line of land of said Lincoln, and by Hardy, Judd and Blake to the Aroostook river; thence up the river to the mouth of the Presque Isle stream; thence up the said stream to the west of line of the George A. Parson's farm; thence northerly on the east lines of land owned by J. F. Dyer and John Allen to the farm owned by C. H. Thayer; thence westerly on the north line of land owned by John Allen and the Fairbanks heirs to the old town line between Presque Isle and Maysville and commencing on said line at the northwest corner of land owned by L. S. Judd; thence on the west lines of said Judd and G. H. Freeman to the Presque Isle stream; thence up said stream to the north line of G. M. Park farm; thence easterly on said line to place of beginning; together with the inhabitants thereon, be and the same is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Presque Isle Village Fire Department.

Corporate name.

Authorized to raise money to maintain fire department.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby invested with power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money for the purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, hose and apparatus for the extinguishment of fire, for the procuring of water and for the organizing and maintaining within the limits of said territory an efficient fire department.

Valuation, how taken.

SECT. 3. The money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid shall be assessed upon the property within the said territory by the assessors of said corporation in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of state taxes by the then last tax act, excepting the polls shall not be taxed, and said assessors may copy the then last valu-

ation made by the assessors of said town of Presque Isle, so far as it relates to the property within the limits of said corporation, and assess the tax thereon; or, if the corporation shall so direct, may correct said valuation, or make a new valuation, according to the principles of the then last state tax act, and assess the tax on that valuation.

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 thereof for the purpose aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the estate of persons residing upon the territory aforesaid, and upon the estate of non-resident proprietors thereof, and the assessment so made 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 state taxes are by law collected by 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 made.

—collection of.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of five directors, a clerk, treasurer, collector, three assessors and four or more fire wardens and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation.

Officers.

SECT. 6. Said officers shall be chosen at the annual March meeting of said corporation and shall hold office for one year, or until others are chosen and qualified in their place. They shall have the general management, supervision and direction of the affairs of said corporation in the exercise of the powers herein granted to said corporation.

—when chosen.

—tenure.

—powers.

SECT. 7. The said corporation at any legal meeting thereof, may adopt a code of by-laws for the government of the same and for the efficient management of the fire department, *provided*, the same are not repugnant to the laws of this state.

May adopt by-laws.

SECT. 8. No person shall be entitled to vote at any meetings of said corporation, who shall not at the time reside within the limits of said corporation, and be qualified at the time to vote in said town.

Qualification of voters.

SECT. 9. Said corporation is authorized to hire money not exceeding two thousand dollars for the corporate purposes of said corporation, and may at any legal meeting called for the

Authorized to hire money.

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purpose, authorize their treasurer to hire any sum, not exceeding two thousand dollars, on such terms as the corporation may direct.

Meeting for organization and acceptance under this act, how called.

Annual meetings how called.

SECT. 10. The meeting for organization and acceptance under this act shall be called by the selectmen of said town of Presque Isle in the same manner as town meetings are now called and subsequent meetings of said corporation shall be called by the assessors of said corporation annually in the month of March, and at such other times and under such regulations as the by-laws of said corporation may provide, all in the same manner as town meetings are now called by selectmen.

When act shall take effect.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved and be in force when said corporation shall organize at any legal meeting called for that purpose.

Approved March 6, 1885.