

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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## CHAP. 447

## Chapter 447.

An Act relating to the property of extinct or disbanded Congregational Churches or Societies.

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

Congregational Church Building Society, authorized to take property of extinct churches and apply the same to erection of houses of worship.

SECT. 1. The Congregational Church Building Society, a corporation duly organized and existing by and under the laws of the state of New York, to promote the erection of congregational houses of worship and parsonages and other kindred objects, shall be and become vested with the property and effects of any extinct or disbanded congregational church, parish or society within this state, in trust to apply the same to the maintenance or erection of such houses of worship and parsonages within this state, after paying the debts, if any, of such disbanded church, parish or society, and for these purposes may sell and convert such property into money ; provided, however, that in the sale and disposition of real and personal estate so devolving on the said Congregational Church Building Society, its trustees and managing board shall be deemed, in respect to the right and power of possession, control, disposal and conveyance, the legal successors of such extinct corporation ; and in the case of the sale of real property it may apply to any court of record within the judicial district or county where such real estate is situated, for the judicial order required for the sale of real estate of religious corporations, and for leave to sell such land and premises so devolving on them.

—may apply to court for order to sell real estate.

How society may determine when any church is extinct.

SECT. 2. The said Congregational Church Building Society, in order to determine when any such church, parish or society is extinct, is hereby empowered to call a council of congregational churches in the vicinage, of not less than five churches, and the findings of such council together with the decree of the court, shall be their authority for procedure ; and the said Congregational Church Building Society shall elect as a commissioner a resident of the state of Maine, who shall be their legal representative in all matters involved in the above named transactions. Before the sale of any property by the said society under order of the court, notice of said sale shall be published at least two weeks before the date

—notice to be given of sale of property.

of sale, in a paper of wide circulation in the vicinity of the church. CHAP. 448

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

Approved March 3, 1893.

### Chapter 448.

An Act to incorporate the Bridgton Electric Light and Power Company.

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

SECT. 1. Augustus H. Walker, Joseph L. Wales, William F. Perry, Abel H. Harriman, Frank Gibbs, Perley P. Burnham, Frank A. Mitchell, Samuel E. Lee, Edward R. Staples, John H. Roes, Isaiah S. Webb, Albion H. Burnham, George W. Newcomb, Joseph A. Bennett, Mellen Plummer, William A. Stevens, their associates, successors and assigns, be and hereby are made a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Bridgton Electric Light and Power Company, and as such shall have and possess all the powers, and be subject to all the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on corporations by law, except as otherwise provided herein.

Corporators.

—corporate name.

—powers.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall be located at Bridgton, in the county of Cumberland, in the state of Maine, and its business shall be confined to said town of Bridgton.

Location,

SECT. 3. The business to be carried on by said corporation shall be to light the public streets in said town, and to dispose of electric light and power to individuals and corporations, and for this purpose said corporation may set poles and extend wires in the streets of said town, under the supervision of the selectmen of said town.

Purposes.

SECT. 4. The town of Bridgton and the Bridgton Center Village Corporation, are hereby authorized to contract with said corporation for lighting the streets within their limits, and for lighting their buildings, upon such terms as they may mutually agree.

Town and village, authorized to contract for light.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be twenty thousand dollars, divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, and may be increased to forty thousand dollars by vote of the stockholders.

Capital stock.