

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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Time when
road shall be
completed.

SECT. 8. If the said corporation is not organized and the location of its road, according to actual survey, is not filed with the county commissioners of the counties of Kennebec, Somerset and Franklin, on or before the thirty-first day of December next, or if it shall fail to complete its road on or before the thirty-first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, then in either of the above mentioned cases, this act shall be null and void as to all that part of said railroad not completed and finished on or before the date last above mentioned.

First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 9. The first meeting of the corporation may be called by any two of the corporators above named, by notice thereof in writing, given or mailed to each corporator at least ten days before said meeting. Any corporator may act. at such meeting, by proxy.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 27, 1895.

Chapter 319.

An Act to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company.

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

Corporators.

Corporate
name.

—location.

SECT. 1. Russell B. Shepherd, Thomas H. Anderson, Joseph P. Oak, Samuel W. Gould and Albert G. Blunt, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a corporation by the name of the Somerset Traction Company, with authority to construct, maintain and operate a street railroad by electricity, or animal power or both, with convenient single or double tracks, side tracks, switches and turnouts with necessary or convenient lines of poles, wires, appliances, appurtenances or conduits, from the Maine Central Railroad tracks on Russell street in the village of Skowhegan, and from the Skowhegan and Norridgewock Railway and Power Company's tracks on Water street at the junction of Madison street, in said village of Skowhegan, through the towns of Skowhegan and Madison to some point in the village of Madison and from some convenient point on the line of said road in the town of Madison, through the towns of Madison, Cornville and Athens, to some point in

the village of Athens, passing over and upon such streets and ways in said towns of Skowhegan, Madison, Cornville and Athens, as shall from time to time be determined and fixed by the municipal officers of said towns, and assented to in writing by said corporation, and shall also have authority to construct, maintain and operate said road over and upon any lands when the land damages have been mutually settled by said corporation and the owners thereof. The written assent of said corporation to any vote of the municipal officers of either of said towns, prescribing from time to time the routes of said railroad therein, shall be filed with the clerks of said towns and shall be taken and deemed to be the location thereof. Said corporation shall have power, from time to time, to fix such rates of compensation for the transporting persons and property as it may deem expedient, and shall have all the powers, and be subject to all the liabilities of corporations as set forth in the forty-sixth chapter of the revised statutes.

Shall fix rates of compensation.

SECT. 2. The municipal officers of said towns shall have power at all times to make such reasonable regulations for the removal of snow and ice from the streets, roads and ways by said company, at its expense, within each of said towns as public safety may require.

Shall make regulations for removal of snow and ice.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall keep and maintain in repair such portions of the streets and ways as shall be occupied by the tracks of said railroad, and if not so repaired upon reasonable notice, such repairs may be made by said towns at the expense of said corporation.

Shall keep portions of street occupied by its tracks, in repair.

SECT. 4. If any person or persons shall willfully or maliciously obstruct said corporation in the use of its road or tracks, or the running of its cars or carriages thereon, such persons and all who shall aid or abet therein, shall be liable to said corporation for all damage caused thereon, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or with imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding sixty days.

Penalty for obstructing railroad.

SECT. 5. The capital stock shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Capital stock.

SECT. 6. Said corporation shall have the power to lease, purchase, sell or hold such real and personal estate as may be

May hold real estate, etc.

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necessary and convenient for the successful prosecution of the business of the corporation.

May change location, on conditions.

SECT. 7. Said corporation shall have the right to change the location of said railroad at any time, by first obtaining the written consent of the municipal officers of the town in which the change is sought to be made, and to make additional locations subject to the foregoing provisions and conditions.

May act as express Co.

SECT. 8. It is further authorized to carry on the business of an express company. It may also erect and maintain hotels, cottages and pleasure grounds near and around Hayden lake provided; that the right of taking lands or other property to be used for such last named purposes, shall be acquired by purchase only.

Maintain hotel, etc.

No other corporation shall construct railroad in same streets.

SECT. 9. No other corporation or persons shall be permitted to construct and maintain any railroad for similar purposes, over the same streets or ways that may be lawfully occupied by this road or corporation; but any other corporation or persons operating any other electric railroad may run over or connect with the tracks of this corporation upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the parties, or if they cannot agree, their rights may be determined by the railroad commissioners for the state of Maine.

May issue bonds.

SECT. 10. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue mortgage bonds, to an amount not exceeding the capital stock, and on such time as may from time to time be determined in aid of the purposes specified in this act, and to secure the same by mortgage on its road and franchise.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 11. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by any one of the corporators giving actual notice in writing to each of his several associates, and said corporation may make such by-laws as may be necessary and proper for the control and management thereof, and not contrary to the laws of the state.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 27, 1895.