

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

## SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

1897

---

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820,  
February 18, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

---

AUGUSTA  
KENNEBEC JOURNAL PRINT  
1897

---

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE.

1897.

---

## CHAP. 459

**Chapter 459.**

An Act to legalize the doings of School District Number Five in the town of Falmouth, and of the trustees of the Crispus Graves Fund, so called, and to enable said trustees to convey and the inhabitants of said Falmouth to purchase the school building, erected out of said fund, in said district.

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

Doings of  
school Dis-  
trict No. 5,  
in Fal-  
mouth.

—legalized.

That the acts and doings of the trustees of the fund given by the will of the late Crispus Graves, to school district number five, in the town of Falmouth, in the county of Cumberland, and known as the Crispus Graves fund, in the erection of a school building in said district, out of said fund, and the acts and doings of said school district in the erection of said school building are hereby legalized and made valid, and the said trustees and their successors are hereby authorized to sell and convey to the inhabitants of said town of Falmouth said school building, so erected as aforesaid, and the inhabitants of said town of Falmouth are hereby authorized to purchase said school building from said trustees or their successors.

Approved March 17, 1897.

**Chapter 460.**

An Act to extend, and additional to the charter of the Oakland Water Company

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

Charter ex-  
tended for  
two years.

SECT. 1. That the rights, powers and privileges of the Oakland Water Company, which were granted by chapter four hundred and sixteen of the private and special laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and as extended by chapter four hundred and twenty-one of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and as further extended by chapter twenty-three of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, are hereby extended for two years additional, and the persons named in said acts, their associates and successors, shall have all the rights, powers and privileges which were granted them by said acts, to be exercised in the same manner and for the same purpose as specified in said acts.

Sect. 2. That the inhabitants of the town of Oakland are hereby empowered and authorized to purchase stock or bonds of said Oakland Water Company, provided, the inhabitants of said town in a town meeting, duly and legally called for that purpose, shall vote so to do. Said purchase of said stock or bonds may be made in compliance with any vote of the inhabitants of the town as aforesaid by the selectmen of the town, or by any other person duly and legally elected and authorized by the inhabitants of said town at any town meeting, duly and legally called for that purpose, to purchase in the name and behalf of the town said stock or bonds of said Oakland Water Company.

Town may hold stock or bonds of company.

Sect. 3. Said inhabitants of the town of Oakland at any town meeting duly and legally called for that purpose, may vote to enter into a contract with said Oakland Water Company to purchase the entire property of said Oakland Water Company in any manner that shall be agreed upon at the expiration of any period of time after said water works shall be built and completed and water supplied for municipal, domestic and other purposes to the inhabitants of said Oakland in said Oakland village, not to exceed twenty years. And as a part of the consideration to be paid for the purchase of said property to said water company, the said inhabitants of Oakland may assume, guarantee or agree to pay at maturity, the principal and interest of any bonds that may or shall be issued by the said Oakland Water Company to aid in the construction of a system of water works in said Oakland to supply the people of Oakland village and vicinity with water for municipal, domestic and other purposes.

Town may contract to purchase works.

—may guarantee bonds, as part of consideration.

Sect. 4. The town of Oakland in its corporate capacity may, at any time before the said company shall contract for a public supply of water with the said town, vote to assume and purchase the franchises and property of the said Oakland Water Company, for the amount of money actually expended by it, in obtaining its charter. Upon such vote and payment, the said company shall assign and transfer to the municipal corporation so purchasing, all rights and franchises hereby granted, and thereafter such municipal corporation shall exercise and enjoy the same as if granted to it directly.

Town may vote to take possession at any time before company has contracted for supply of water, by payment of money expended in obtaining charter.

Sect. 5. For the purposes of raising money to carry out the provisions of this act, the town of Oakland, by vote in a meeting duly called for this purpose, may issue bonds with

Town may issue bonds for purchase of works.

CHAP. 460 interest coupons, to an amount which, taken in connection with the other indebtedness of said town, shall not exceed the amount limited by the constitution of Maine. And such bonds shall be signed by the selectmen and treasurer of said town, and shall be designated and marked, the Oakland Water Loan.

Water commissioners, election, powers and duties.

1

—tenure.

—selectmen shall act, till commissioners are elected.

—water rates, how fixed.

Section 4, chapter 416, laws, 1889, amended.

—manner of crossing any railroad, shall be determined by railroad commissioners.

Sect. 6. For the purposes of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the town of Oakland, at a meeting duly called therefor, may as soon as this act takes effect, and shall as soon as the town comes into ownership, control or management of a system of water works, by building or otherwise, elect by ballot five water commissioners, whose duty it shall be to perform all such acts for the town, necessary and convenient for the full operation of this act, as directed by said town from time to time. The five persons first chosen as aforesaid shall serve, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years, from the second Monday of March then next following, as may be designated by the town when elected; and thereafterwards one commissioner shall be elected by ballot at the annual town meeting, to serve for the term of five years. Until such water commissioners are elected, the selectmen of said town shall perform the duties of water commissioners.

Sect. 7. Said board of water commissioners is authorized to fix the rates to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually for water, by persons supplied with the same, subject to the action of the town, and in the same manner determine the conditions and manner of such supply, and shall have general charge and control of the town's water system.

Sect. 8. Section four of said chapter four hundred and sixteen of the private and special laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, is hereby amended by striking out the word "railroad" in the third line thereof and adding thereto the following: 'And said corporation may carry and lay its pipes across any railroad, but in case of failure to agree with the railroad company as to place, manner and conditions of crossing the railroad with its pipes, the place, manner, and conditions of such crossing shall be determined by the railroad commissioners, and all work within the limits of the railroad location shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the officers and agents of the railroad company, but at the expense of said water company.'

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 17, 1897.