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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

1897

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 546.**

An Act to authorize the Georges River Mills to develop, sell and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for use, lease or sale, heat, light and power.

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

Author-  
ized to use  
and sell  
electric  
power.

Sect. 1. The Georges River Mills, a corporation duly organized under the general law, and having its place of business at Warren, Maine, is hereby authorized and empowered to develop, sell, and use electric power, and to transmit by electricity, for use, lease or sale, heat, light and power, as herein authorized.

May erect  
poles, etc.,  
for trans-  
mission of  
electricity.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered to set, erect and maintain all poles, wires and fixtures necessary for the development and transmission of electricity for the purpose of furnishing electric light, heat and power, for manufacturing purposes; carrying on the business now authorized by its articles of incorporation; for use in all buildings owned or leased by said corporation or its employes, and other purposes for which its use is herein authorized, in and through the streets and ways of said Warren, under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the municipal officers thereof, subject to and in accordance with the general laws of the state regulating the erection of poles and lines for the purposes of electricity; with the right to cut down trees and remove obstacles, when necessary, within the limits aforesaid, except ornamental, fruit or shade trees. Such power so transmitted may be used in the operation of any railroad or street railroad or by any corporation authorized by its charter or general law to use electricity or any other motive power for power, heat or light.

—under re-  
strictions  
by muni-  
cipal of-  
ficers.

—how pow-  
er may be  
used.

May erect  
poles, etc.,  
on private  
land.

Sect. 3. Said corporation, for the purposes aforesaid, is authorized to set, erect, and maintain such poles, wires and fixtures, over, along and upon any private land, and to purchase or take such land for such purposes, as and for public uses. In case of such taking, said corporation shall file in the registry of deeds for the county wherein the property affected may lay, a description of the land and interest therein taken. In such case, if the parties cannot agree on the damage occasioned thereby, the damages shall be estimated, paid, and secured in the manner provided in the case of land taken for railroads.

—shall file  
in registry  
of deeds,  
descrip-  
tion of  
land taken.

—damages,  
how esti-  
mated.

May cross  
tide waters.

Sect. 4. For the purposes aforesaid said corporation is hereby authorized to cross and occupy tide and navigable waters

with its poles, wires and fixtures, or to carry its wires under the same by cable, in such manner as shall not unnecessarily interfere with or incommode the public use thereof.

Sect. 5. Said corporation shall in all cases be liable to pay to any town or city all sums recovered against it for damages by reason of any fault or neglect of said corporation, together with reasonable counsel fees and costs, with interest, provided said company shall have notice in writing of any suit wherein such damages are claimed, and shall be allowed to defend the same at its own expense.

—liable for damages caused by neglect.

Sect. 6. None of the provisions of this act, and none of the acts of the corporation hereunder, shall in any way be construed as abridging, limiting, or affecting the rights and powers which said corporation now has under the general law.

Act shall not abridge existing powers.

Sect. 7. For the purpose of carrying out the foregoing provisions, or either of them, or any of the provisions of the purposes of said corporation, said corporation is authorized to issue its bonds, in such form and amount, and on such time and rate, as it may from time to time determine, and secure the same by mortgage of its property and franchise.

May issue bonds and mortgage property.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1897.

### Chapter 547.

An Act to determine the privileges of graduates of the State College.

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

Sect. 1. Graduates of the state college shall enjoy before state boards, and in the practice of any profession, or the pursuit of any calling, for which they may be prepared, rights, privileges and exemptions, equal to those granted to the graduates of any other institutions within or without the state.

Graduates shall enjoy all privileges of graduates of other colleges.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1897.