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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1899.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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First elec-  
tion of  
officers.

Eligibility  
of voters.

When act  
shall take  
effect.

meetings of the corporation, a moderator shall in like manner be chosen and have the same power as in town meetings.

Section 11. The first election of the officers of this corporation shall be at the meeting of the legal voters of the corporation, called to accept this charter, and the annual election of officers shall be in the month of March.

Section 12. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation.

Section 13. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, but shall not bind the inhabitants of the territory aforesaid, until its acceptance by them as hereinbefore provided.

Approved March 15, 1899.

**Chapter 152.**

An Act to legalize the call issued for holding the meeting of the Methodist and Baptist Meeting House Corporation of Whitefield.

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

Call for  
meeting by  
corporation,  
made valid.

Section 1. The call issued for the purpose of holding a meeting of the Methodist and Baptist Meeting House Corporation, of Whitefield, on January twenty-one, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, which referred to said corporation as the Methodist and Baptist Church Corporation, is hereby made valid.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 15, 1899.

**Chapter 153.**

An Act to authorize the City of Lewiston to take water for Municipal and Domestic Purposes.

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

City au-  
thority to  
take water.

Section 1. The city of Lewiston is hereby authorized and empowered to take water from Lake Auburn, or any pond in Androscoggin county, except Sabattus pond, sufficient for all municipal, public and domestic purposes in said city, including a sufficient quantity for extinguishing fires, supplying hotels, livery stables and laundries, for sprinkling streets, for running elevators and for motors, providing that such motors shall not

—purposes.

be used for manufacturing purposes; and the said city of Lewiston is further authorized and empowered to take and convey the water of Lake Auburn, or any pond as aforesaid, through any or all the towns of said county, as may be necessary, and across the Androscoggin river by an aqueduct or pipe sunk to any depth desirable for the purpose, and may also take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any land necessary for laying and maintaining said aqueduct or pipe line, with all necessary locks, gates, dams or other structures, necessary to convey the water from Lake Auburn, or any pond as aforesaid, to the pumping station of said city of Lewiston, provided that such taking of land shall not interfere with any existing system of municipal water supply.

—may convey water through the streets and across Androscoggin river.

—take land.

Section 2. Said city of Lewiston is hereby authorized to lay down and maintain in and through the streets and ways and under any steam railroad within the limits of the county of Androscoggin and to take up, replace and repair all such pipe, aqueduct, gates and fixtures, as may be necessary for conveying the water taken under the provisions of this act to the pumping station of the city of Lewiston, under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the municipal officers of any town or city within their respective limits, provided that in the case of any crossing of steam railroad within the county of Androscoggin, unless said city of Lewiston shall agree with the company owning and operating said railroad, as to the place, manner and conditions of crossing, the railroad commissioners shall determine the place, manner and condition of such crossing, and all work within the limits of said railroad location shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the officers of said railroad company, but at the expense of said city of Lewiston, and said city of Lewiston shall be responsible for all damages to any streets or ways, and to persons or property occasioned by such use of said streets and ways, and shall further be liable to pay to any town or city all sums of money recovered against said town or city for damages from obstructions or defects in said streets or ways caused by said city of Lewiston.

Authorized to lay pipes under restrictions imposed by municipal officers.

—may cross any railroad in such manner as railroad commissioners shall determine.

—city responsible for all damages.

Section 3. The board of water commissioners of said city of Lewiston may enter upon any land within the limits of Androscoggin county not occupied for the maintenance of any system of municipal water supply, for locating the necessary aqueducts, pipes, locks or other structures, doing no unnecessary damage, and said city of Lewiston may take and hold the quantity of land necessary in the opinion of said water commissioners for

Board of water commissioners may take land.

—shall file plan of such lands

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in registry  
of deeds.

—may then  
enter upon  
lands so  
taken.

—shall file  
notice of  
such taking.

City liable  
for all  
damages.

—how as-  
sessed, in  
case of dis-  
agreement.

any of the purposes above named; and within thirty days after determining the quantity of land and the boundaries thereof to be taken and held, said city of Lewiston shall file in the registry of deeds for the county of Androscoggin, notice of said taking, together with plans and descriptions of said land, with the purposes for which it is taken, signed by the aforesaid water commissioners, and after filing said plans and descriptions and purposes, may enter upon, take and hold the land included in said descriptions for the purposes designated therein, and may use any portion of the land so taken and held, with any materials thereon, in the erection of any structure, making any grade, fill or embankment, the damages therefor to be assessed as provided in section four of this act, and whenever said city of Lewiston shall, under the provisions of this act, take water from any of the sources therein named, it shall file in the registry of deeds in said county of Androscoggin, a notice of said taking, describing the size, location and depth of the pipe or pipes through which water is to be taken from said sources.

Section 4. The city of Lewiston shall be liable for the damages sustained by any persons or corporations in their property by the taking of any land for pipes, aqueducts, gates, dams or other structures used by said city in conveying the water as aforesaid, and shall be liable for damages for any land taken under the provisions of this act, and said city of Lewiston shall also be liable for all legal damages sustained by any persons or corporations by the taking of any water, water sources, water rights, privileges or easements by said city under any of the provisions of this act.

Should said city of Lewiston be unable to agree upon the damages to be paid for said location, taking and holding, with any person or corporation claiming damages by reason of the taking of any land, water, water source, water right, privilege or easement under the provisions of this act, any such person or corporation or said city of Lewiston may, within twelve months after the filing of said notices, plans and description, apply to the commissioners of the county of Androscoggin, who shall cause such damages to be assessed in the same manner and under the same restrictions, conditions, limitations and rights of appeal, as are by law prescribed in the case of damages for the laying out of highways, so far as such law is consistent with the provisions of this act.

Section 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 15, 1899.