

# 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

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

---

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

---

AUGUSTA  
KENNEBEC JOURNAL PRINT  
1903

---

---

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

---

---

## CHAP. 131

May take  
land  
contiguous  
to court  
house lot.

—damages,  
how  
awarded.

—appeal, how  
taken.

Section 3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the county commissioners of Somerset county are authorized to take by eminent domain, any land that may be necessary, contiguous to the court house lot, in said Skowhegan. They shall file in the registry of deeds' office in the county of Somerset, plans of the location of any land taken under the provisions of this act, and no entry shall be made on any land, except to make surveys, until the expiration of ten days from said filing; and with such plans the said commissioners may file in the office of the registry of deeds aforesaid, a statement of the damages they are ready to pay any person for any property so taken, and if the amount finally awarded does not exceed such sum, the county shall recover costs against such person, otherwise such person shall recover costs against the county. If any person is aggrieved by the award of damages made by the said county commissioners, they may appeal to the next term of the supreme judicial court for the county of Somerset, to be held at said Skowhegan, after thirty days from the date of the filing of said plans and statement in the office of the registry of deeds, and all subsequent proceedings shall be had in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law provided in the case of damages by the laying out of high-ways.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 6, 1903.

### Chapter 131.

An Act to authorize the town of Kennebunk to own and maintain an electric lighting and power plant.

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

Kennebec,  
town of,  
authorized to  
own electric  
lighting and  
power plant.

—purposes.

May support  
lines of wire,  
etc., over  
streets and  
roads.

Section 1. The town of Kennebunk is hereby authorized to acquire, own, and maintain an electric lighting and power plant, and for such purpose said town is vested with power to raise money at its annual meeting, or at any legal meeting called for the purpose, for the purchase or lease of lands, water power, dams, manufactories and works for providing and supplying electricity, and for the purchase of dynamos and other apparatus necessary for equipping and properly maintaining an electric lighting and power plant.

Section 2. Said town is also authorized to construct, lay, maintain and support lines of wire or other material for the

transmission of electricity upon, under, along and over any and all streets and roads within the limits of said town, and for such purpose to erect, establish and maintain in and along said streets and roads all necessary poles, pipes and apparatus, provided that said poles, pipes and apparatus are so erected, established and maintained as not to unreasonably interfere with the public use of said streets and roads.

Section 3. Said town is also authorized to use the electricity by it manufactured and generated to light its streets, roads and public squares, and all buildings or parts of buildings owned, used or occupied by it; and said town is further authorized to sell, distribute and furnish electricity for lighting, heating and power to individuals and corporations within that part of said town which lies northerly of a straight line extending southwesterly from the center of Durrell's bridge, so called, on the Kennebunk river to the Wells town line and passing through a point on Fernald's Hill where the town way to Crescent Surf intersects with the road to Stony bridge, but said town shall not have like authority to sell, distribute and furnish electricity to individuals or corporations within that part of said town lying south of said line, and the rights of the Kennebunk Electric Light Company to sell and distribute electricity within said town shall not be limited by this act.

Town authorized to use electricity by it generated, for lighting streets, buildings, etc.

—may sell and furnish electricity within certain limits.

Section 4. Said town is further authorized to purchase or lease the rights, privileges, properties and franchises of any corporation organized for furnishing electricity for lighting or power within the territory of said town, and such corporation is hereby empowered to sell, transfer, convey or lease its rights, privileges, properties and franchises to said town.

Town authorized to purchase franchises of other similar corporations.

Section 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 7, 1903.