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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
OF THE  
SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
1907.

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OF THE

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authorized and empowered to issue its bonds, in such form and amount and on such time and rate as may be deemed expedient, not exceeding, however, the amount of its capital stock actually subscribed for, and to secure same by mortgage on its property and franchises.

First meet-  
ing, how  
called.

Section 8. The first corporator named in this act may call the first meeting of the corporation by mailing a written notice, signed by him, post paid, to each of the other corporators, seven days at least before the day of the meeting, naming the time, place and purpose of such meeting.

Section 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 21, 1907.

### Chapter 334.

An Act additional to Chapter two hundred forty-two of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of South Portland."

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

City council  
may regu-  
late side-  
walks.

Section 1. The city council of South Portland may regulate the height and width of sidewalks in any public square, places, streets, lanes or alleys in said city, and may authorize posts and trees to be placed along the edge of said sidewalk.

May require  
owners of  
property to  
construct  
sidewalks.

Section 2. The city of South Portland may at its option require the owners of adjacent property to construct footways or sidewalks.

City may  
construct  
sidewalks.

Section 3. The city of South Portland may at its option, without notice and under such regulations or orders as it may have established or passed or may hereafter establish or pass, construct sidewalks or footways laid with brick, flat stones, concrete or other materials, with suitable curbs on any street or portion thereof, and direct one-half the cost thereof to be assessed on adjacent lots and for that purpose may direct the curb to be set at any time previous to the construction of the sidewalk and cause the cost of the curb and the cost of the paving of the walk to be assessed separately as each is or may be done, provided that no owner or proprietor shall be assessed for more than two hundred feet in length for said sidewalk or footway on any one street in front of any unimproved lots or parcels of land.

—cost, how  
assessed.

Expense of  
walks shall  
be estimated  
and assessed  
within one  
year.

Section 4. The expense of said walks complete or of said curbs, or of said paving, shall be estimated and assessed within one year, by the mayor and aldermen of said city on the several

lots chargeable therewith and by them certified to the city treasurer, in the manner and with all rights to the parties interested, as provided in the above section and be enforced as therein provided, but said assessment shall at any time be corrected on due notice and certified anew by the mayor and aldermen aforesaid and no assessment shall be void by reason of error in the name of the owner or occupant of the lot assessed, provided that the lot assessed is so described that the same may be distinctly known.

—assessment may be corrected.

Section 5. The expense of sidewalks, footways, materials, curbs on any street or portion thereof constructed in the city of South Portland since March twelfth, nineteen hundred and five, which have been estimated and assessed on the adjoining property with suitable notice to the owners thereof, shall constitute a lien on the real estate so assessed for two years after the passage of this act and shall be certified and collected by levy and sale of the real estate if not paid within three months after a written demand of payment made to the owner or occupant of said adjoining premises, said sale to be conducted in like manner as sale for non-payment of taxes of land of resident owners and with a similar right of redemption, and all assessments for the cost of constructing any sidewalk or footway hereafter made in the city of South Portland shall be subject to the provisions contained in the preceding section.

Lien on real estate for expense of sidewalks, etc.

Section 6. The city of South Portland may require the owner of any lot or ground fronting on any street or way in said city, to cause the footway or sidewalk in front of said lot to be paved with bricks or flat stones or concrete or other suitable material, the same to be done under the direction and to the approbation of the committee on streets. If the owner of such lot shall neglect to pay and construct the same as aforesaid for the space of twenty days after he or the tenant of the lot shall have been thereto required in writing by the commissioner of streets, it shall be the duty of said commissioner to construct the sidewalk or footway and the city shall have a lien on the abutting real estate for the expense thereof, to be enforced as in the following section.

City may require owners of property to pave sidewalk.

Section 7. The city council, before requiring any such sidewalk or footway to be so constructed shall by a general ordinance assume a portion of said expense to an amount not less than one-half thereof to be paid by the city in money or materials, but no owner or proprietor shall be required to construct as aforesaid more than two hundred feet in length of a sidewalk or footway in any one street in front of any unimproved lots or parcels of land. All assessments on account of the sidewalks

City council shall assume portion of expense.

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—assess-  
ments shall  
constitute  
lien.

—shall be  
certified by  
mayor and  
aldermen.

—persons  
aggrieved  
may appeal  
to court.

and charges on account of the same shall constitute a lien on the real estate so assessed for two years after they are laid. They shall be certified by the mayor and aldermen under their hands to the treasurer and collector of said city and his successors, with directions to collect the same according to law and may, together with all incidental costs and expenses and interest thereon at six per cent from the date of demand for payment thereof, be levied by sale of the estate by him or them if the assessment is not paid within three months after a written demand of payment made by him or them either upon the persons assessed or upon any person occupying the estate, such sale to be conducted in like manner as sale for non-payment of taxes on land of resident owners and with a similar right of redemption. Any person who may deem himself aggrieved by any such assessment may appeal to the supreme court in the same manner as is provided for appeals for damages for laying out streets and ways, which court shall at the first term appoint three persons who may be inhabitants of said city to settle and assess the share to be charged to such appellant; they shall make a return of their doings to said court and their decision, if accepted, shall be final. And in case the assessment made by the mayor and aldermen shall not be reduced on such appeal, the city shall recover costs, but otherwise pay costs.

Approved March 21, 1907.

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### Chapter 335.

An Act to amend and extend the charter of the Dexter Trust Company for two years.

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

Section 3,  
chapter 334,  
private and  
special laws  
1905,  
amended.

Section 1. Section three of chapter three hundred thirty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and five is hereby amended by striking out at the end of said section the words "and said corporation shall have power and authority to establish branches" so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Purposes.

—to receive  
deposits.

'Section 3. The purposes of said corporation and the business which it may perform are; first, to receive on deposit, money, coin, bank notes, evidences of debt, accounts of individuals, companies, corporations, municipalities and states, allowing interest thereon, if agreed, or as the by-laws of said corporation may provide; second, to borrow money, to loan money on credits, or real estate, or personal security, and to

—to borrow  
money.