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OF THE  
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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE.

1911

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fifth  
Legislature

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For inquests and incidental expenses, as provided by chapter one hundred forty, section eleven, revised statutes, as amended by chapters one hundred eighty-five, and one hundred eighty-nine, public laws of nineteen hundred and nine, five hundred dollars.....	\$500 00
For keeper of arsenal property at Bangor, as provided by chapter fifty-three, resolves of eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, one hundred dollars..	100 00
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Amounting to the sum of one million five hundred sixty-seven thousand, six hundred twenty-one dollars and sixty-four cents.....	\$1,567,621 64

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 30, 1911.

**Chapter 290.**

An Act to incorporate the Rumford and Mexico Water District.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. The following territory and the people within the same, namely; that part of the town of Rumford described and known as the Rumford Falls Village Corporation and such additions as may be made to it from time to time and that part of the town of Mexico herein designated, to wit., commencing at a point on the Androscoggin river where Swift river empties into the same on the dividing line between Rumford and Mexico; thence up the river by the dividing line between Rumford and Mexico on the westerly bank of Swift river on the Mexico side to a point on the westerly bank of Swift river directly opposite the northerly line of land formerly owned by H. W. Park and now owned by Frank Beaudett; thence at about right angles by said northerly line of said land formerly owned by said Park and now owned by said Beaudett and Roxbury road, so-called, to the westerly limits of the Thompson Hill road, so-called; thence up the hill by the northerly limits of said Thompson Hill road to a point within twenty feet of the place where the pipe line of the Mexico Water Company crosses this Thompson Hill road; thence up the hill in a line twenty feet northerly of said pipe line to a point on the westerly side of said Thompson Hill road directly opposite the northerly or easterly end of the dam of the Mex-

Corporate limits.

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ico Water Company which forms its first reservoir; thence up the hill by the northerly or westerly limits of the Thompson Hill road to the turn in the road by the Frazier farm, so-called; thence by the northerly or westerly limits of said Thompson Hill road up the hill to the Ladd farm, so-called; thence in an easterly course to the old Joel Babb dwelling-house; thence in a direct course in an easterly or southerly direction to the easterly line of the Haines farm, so-called, formerly the Daniel Austin farm; thence by the easterly side line of the highway that leads from the aforesaid Lyman Haines farm to the southerly side of the river road leading from Mexico to Dixfield at a point nearly opposite the George Welch residence; thence southerly by the southerly side line of said Mexico and Dixfield highway to the bank of the Androscoggin river; thence up said river by the bank of the same, via the toll bridge and Mexico Corner, so-called, to the point begun at, also including that part of the Frazier farm now owned by the Mexico Water Company, together with all other land owned by said company, for the purpose of protecting its water shed and preserving the purity of its water supply, shall constitute a public municipal corporation under the name of the Rumford and Mexico Water District, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said district and also to the several towns of Rumford and Mexico or any portion of either of said towns, with pure water for domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes, subject, however, to the provisions of section eighteen herein.

—corporate name.  
—purposes.

May take and hold water from Roxbury pond.

Section 2. The said district, for the purpose of its incorporation, is hereby authorized to take, hold, divert, use and distribute water from Roxbury pond, so-called, in the towns of Roxbury and Byron and Garland pond, so-called, in the town of Byron.

May take and hold lands or water rights necessary for dams, flowage, etc.

Section 3. The said district, for the purposes of its incorporation, is hereby authorized to take and hold, as for public uses, by purchase or otherwise, any land or interest therein or water rights necessary for erecting and maintaining dams, for flowage, for power for pumping its water supply through its mains, for reservoirs, for preserving the purity of the water and water shed, for laying and maintaining aqueducts and other structures for taking, distributing, discharging and disposing of water and for rights of way or roadways to its sources of supply, dams, power stations, reservoirs, mains, aqueducts, structures and lands.

May lay pipes, through streets and ways, and across lands.

Section 4. The said district is hereby authorized to lay in and through the streets, roads, ways and highways of the towns named in sections one and two and in addition thereto the town

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of Andover and across private lands therein, and to maintain, repair and replace all such pipes, aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary and convenient for its corporate purposes, and whenever said district shall lay any pipes or aqueducts in any street, roadway or highway it shall cause the same to be done with as little obstruction as practicable to the public travel, and shall at its own expense, without unnecessary delay, cause the earth and pavement removed by it to be replaced in proper condition.

—shall not obstruct public travel.

Section 5. The said district is hereby authorized, for the purposes of its incorporation, to erect and maintain all dams, reservoirs and structures necessary and convenient for its corporate purposes.

May maintain necessary dams and reservoirs.

Section 6. In exercising any right of eminent domain conferred upon it by law, from time to time, or any right of eminent domain through or under the franchise of the water companies by it acquired, the said district shall file in the office of the county commissioners of the county where such lands or water rights are situated and record in the registry of deeds in said county, plans of the location of all lands or interest therein or water rights, to be taken, with an appropriate description and the names of the owner thereof, if known. When for any reason the district fails to acquire the property authorized to be taken, and which is described in such location, or the location recorded is defective or uncertain, it may, at any time, correct and perfect such location and file a new description thereof, and in such case the district is liable in damages only for property for which the owner had not previously been paid, to be assessed as of the time of the original taking, and the district shall not be liable for any acts which would have been justified if the original taking had been lawful. No entry shall be made on any private lands, except to make surveys, until the expiration of ten days from such filing, whereon possession may be had of all said lands or interests therein or water rights so taken, but title thereto shall not vest in said district until payment therefor.

Shall file plans of all lands and water rights taken.

—may correct locations and file new descriptions.

—may make surveys.

Section 7. If any person sustaining damages by any taking as aforesaid, shall not agree with said district upon the sum to be paid therefor, either party, upon petition to the county commissioners of the county where said lands or water rights are situated, may have said damages assessed by them; the procedure and all subsequent proceedings and right of appeal thereon shall be had under the same restriction, conditions and limitations as are or may be by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of highways.

Damages, how assessed if parties fail to agree.

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Place and manner of crossing railroad, how determined.

Section 8. In case of any crossing of a railroad, unless consent is given by the company owning or operating such railroad as to place, manner and conditions of the crossing, within thirty days after such consent is requested by said district, the railroad commissioners shall determine the place, manner and condition of such crossing; and all work within the limits of such railroad location shall be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of such railroad company, but at the expense of the district.

Board of trustees, how chosen.

Section 9. All the affairs of said water district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of three members, two to be chosen by the municipal officers of Rumford; and one by the municipal officers of Mexico. As soon as convenient after the members of said board have been chosen, said trustees shall hold a meeting and organize by the election of a president and clerk, adopt a corporate seal and when necessary may choose a treasurer and all other needful officers and agents for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of said district. At said first meeting they shall determine by lot the term of office of each trustee so that one shall serve for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and whenever the term of office of a trustee expires, the body which appointed said trustee shall appoint a successor to serve the full term of three years, and in case any other vacancy arises it shall be filled in like manner for the unexpired term.

—election of officers.

—seal.

—tenure of trustees.

—vacancies, how filled.

—may establish by-laws.

They may also ordain and establish such by-laws as are necessary for their own convenience and the proper management of the affairs of the district. The term of office of said trustees first chosen shall be considered to date from the first Monday of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eleven. Said trustees may procure an office and incur such expenses as may be necessary. Each member shall receive in full compensation for his services an allowance of one hundred dollars per annum. At the close of each fiscal year the trustees shall make a detailed report of their doings, of the receipts and expenditures of said water district, of its financial and physical condition, and of such other matters and things pertaining to said district as shall show the inhabitants of said district how said trustees are fulfilling the duties and obligations of their trust, such reports to be made and filed with the municipal officers of the towns of Rumford and Mexico.

—compensation of trustees.

—trustees shall make report.

May acquire property of Union Construction Co., Virginia Spring Water Co., Rumford

Section 10. Said water district is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase or by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, which right is hereby expressly delegated to said water district for said purposes, the entire plant, prop-

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erty, franchises, rights, and privileges now held by the Union Construction Company, the Virginia Spring Water Company, Rumford Falls Light and Water Company and the Mexico Water Company and intended, used and provided by each of said companies for the purposes of supplying water for domestic or municipal purposes or both, including all lands, waters, water rights, dams, reservoirs, pipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, tools and all apparatus and appliances owned by said companies, and used or usable in supplying water in said district or in the town of Rumford or adjoining towns, together with all real estate so used or usable. So much of the plant of the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company as is intended, used and provided by said company for the use and development of electricity power and lighting, and so much of the plants of any of the companies above named as may not be intended, provided and used for the purposes of general water supply, and also the cash assets of each of said companies are hereby expressly and specifically exempted from the operation of this section. The said water companies are hereby authorized to sell and transfer their franchises and property to said water district.

Section 11. In case the said trustees fail to agree with the aforesaid companies upon terms of purchase, on or before September fifteenth, nineteen hundred and eleven, then said water district, through its trustees, is hereby authorized to take the plant, property and franchises of the aforesaid companies as authorized in section ten as for public uses, by petition therefor in the manner provided wherein such companies and their mortgagees shall be the parties defendant. And said water district, through its trustees, is hereby authorized on or before November first, nineteen hundred and eleven, to file a petition in the clerk's office of the supreme judicial court, for the county of Oxford, in term time or in vacation, addressed to any justice thereof, who, after notice to said defendant companies and their mortgagees, shall after hearing and within thirty days after the filing of said petition appoint three disinterested appraisers, none of whom shall be residents of the county of Oxford, one at least of whom shall be learned in the law, for the purpose of fixing the valuation of the plant, property and franchises of said defendant companies as described in section ten. Said petition shall not be dismissed after filing but may and shall be amended in any manner required to enable the court to make all necessary decrees thereon. At the hearing aforesaid, such justice, upon motion of the petitioner, may order the production and filing in court, for the inspection of the petitioner, of

Falls Light  
and Water  
Co., and  
Mexico Wa-  
ter Co.

Proceedings  
if parties  
fail to  
agree upon  
terms of  
purchase.

—may file  
petition ad-  
dressed to  
any justice  
of the su-  
preme ju-  
dicial court.

—who shall  
within 30  
days appoint  
appraisers.

—petition  
may be  
amended.

—proceed-  
ings at hear-  
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all books and papers pertinent to the issue to be heard by said appraisers, the terms and conditions of so producing and filing such books and papers to be determined by said justice in his order therefor and to be enforced from time to time as any justice of said supreme judicial court in term time or in vacation, upon motion of either party, may deem reasonable and proper in the premises. At such hearing, such justice, upon motion of the petitioner, may fix a time at which the said defendant companies shall file in the clerk's office of the supreme judicial court for the county of Oxford, for the inspection of the petitioner, the following: First, schedules showing the names, residence, street number if any and water service of each customer on September fifteenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, with rate charged therefor; second, copies of all contracts in force on said September fifteenth; third, an itemized statement of the gross income earned during its last complete fiscal year and all operating expenses and fixed charges paid or incurred during such year and properly chargeable thereto; fourth, a memorandum of all real estate, or interest therein, owned or controlled on said September fifteenth, with such brief description thereof as will reasonably identify the same; fifth, a memorandum of all water rights used or owned on said September fifteenth with a brief description thereof and a concise statement of the method of acquiring the same; sixth, duplicate plans of all structures owned in whole or in part on said September fifteenth, with specifications thereof; seventh, descriptions and specifications of all reservoirs and stand pipes owned on said September fifteenth; eighth, a description of all pipes, service pipes, hydrants, gates, gate boxes, shut-off boxes, fixtures and machinery, and all the physical elements in such water system, giving in detail all quantities, sizes, lengths, specifying the streets, roads or ways where situated; ninth, an itemized list of all tools, apparatus and appliances used or usable in supplying water on said September fifteenth. Such orders may be enforced from time to time by any justice of said supreme judicial court in term time or in vacation, upon motion of either party, as such justice may deem reasonable and proper in the premises. At such hearing the justice then sitting may, upon motion of the petitioner, make all such decrees as he deems reasonable and proper to enable the petitioner, through its servants and employees, to ascertain the condition of the mains and pipes the defendant companies, externally and internally, all work connected therewith to be in the presence of the agents of the aforesaid companies, but wholly at the expense of said water district, said

—upon motion, justice may fix time for filing schedule.

—copies of contracts.

—statement of income.

—memorandum of real estate.

—and of water rights.

—plans of structures.

—descriptions of reservoirs.

—and of pipes, hydrants, etc.

itemized list of tools.

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decree to fix the number of such examinations and to impose such conditions as may to the court seem just and proper in the premises. The said appraisers shall have the power of compelling attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers pertinent to the issue and may administer oaths; and any witness or person in charge of such books or papers refusing to attend or to produce the same shall be subject to the same penalties and proceedings, so far as applicable, as witnesses summoned to attend the supreme judicial court. Depositions may be taken as in civil actions. The said appraisers may appoint a sufficient number of stenographers to enable a full report of the proceedings of each day to be in readiness for use the following day, each of said appraisers to so have one copy thereof, and the parties to receive such number of copies as the appraisers may deem necessary. The compensation and expenses of said stenographers shall be taxed and allowed by the appraisers and be paid and borne as hereinafter provided. Their reports, certified by said appraisers as correct, shall be filed with the award to be made by said appraisers and shall be legal evidence of all proceedings so reported. They shall make full report as required in trials had in the supreme judicial court. The appraisers so appointed shall, after due notice and hearing, fix the valuation of the plant, property and franchises of said defendant companies at what they are fairly and equitably worth, so that said defendant companies shall receive just compensation for all the same. The first day of November, nineteen hundred and eleven, shall be the date as of which the valuation aforesaid shall be fixed, from which date interest on said award at the rate of six per cent per annum shall run and all net rents and profits accruing thereafter shall belong to said water district. The report of said appraisers or of a majority of them shall be filed in said clerk's office within six months after their appointment, but, if at the expiration of said six months the hearing before said appraisers should then be in progress and unfinished, their report may be so filed within thirty days after close of said hearing. After said report is filed, such single justice, so appointing said appraisers, or in case of his inability to act, then any justice designated for the purpose by the chief justice, may, after notice and hearing, confirm or reject the same or recommit, if justice so requires, and in case of such rejection or recommitment such justice may fix the times for new hearings and new report thereon. The award of the appraisers shall be conclusive as to valuations. Upon confirmation of their report, the court so sitting, in term time or in vacation, shall

—appraisers may compel attendance of witnesses.

—depositions may be taken.

—compensation of stenographers, how taxed.

—appraisers shall fix valuation.

—date when valuation shall be fixed.

—report of appraisers shall be filed.

—awards shall be conclusive.

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—costs and expenses, how paid.

—findings shall be final.

—exceptions as to rulings of law.

—exceptions shall be claimed within ten days.

—when exceptions shall be entered.

thereupon, after hearing, make final decree upon the whole matter, including the transfer of the properties and franchises, jurisdiction over which is hereby conferred with the same power to enforce said decree as in equity cases. All the costs and expenses arising under such petition and appraisal shall be paid and borne as directed by the court in said final decree. The findings of such justice as to such costs and expenses and their apportionment shall be final. In all other matters the justice so making such final decree shall, upon request of any of the parties, make separate findings of law and fact. All such findings of fact shall be final, but any party aggrieved may take exceptions to any rulings of law so made, the same to be accompanied by only such parts of the case as are necessary to a clear understanding of the questions raised thereby. Such exceptions shall be claimed on the docket within ten days after such final decree is signed, entered and filed, and notice thereof has been given by the clerk to the parties or their counsel, and said exceptions so claimed shall be made up, allowed and filed within said time unless further time is granted by the court or by agreement of the parties. They shall be entered at the next term of the law court to be held after the filing of such exceptions and there heard unless otherwise agreed, or the law court shall for good cause order a further time for hearing thereon. Upon such hearing the law court may confirm, reverse or modify the decree of the court below or remand the cause for further proceedings, as it seems proper. During the pendency of such exceptions the cause shall remain on the docket of the court below, marked "law," and decree shall be entered thereon by a single justice, in term time or in vacation, in accordance with the certificate and opinion of the law court. Before the aforesaid plant, property and franchises are transferred in accordance with such final decree, and before the payment therefor, the court sitting in said county of Oxford, by a single justice thereof, as hereinbefore provided, shall, upon motion of any party, after notice and hearing, take account of all receipts and expenditures properly had and incurred by said water companies belonging to the period from and after November first, nineteen hundred and eleven, and all net rents and profits accruing thereafter, and shall order the net balance due to any party to be added to or deducted from the amount to be paid under such final decree, as the case may be. All findings of law or fact by such single justice at such hearings shall be final. The amount to be paid for the plant of each of the aforesaid water companies shall be paid to the trustee of the mortgage of each respective company and by such trustee

distributed pro rata upon the outstanding bonds secured by such mortgage, until the principal of said bonds with all earned interest thereon shall have been paid in full and any balance of said amount shall be paid by said trustee to its respective water company. On payment of tender by said water district of the amount so fixed and the performance of all other terms and conditions so imposed by the court, the entire plants, properties and franchises of said defendant companies as described in section ten shall become vested in said water district and be free from all liens, mortgages and incumbrances theretofore created by the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company, Union Construction Company, the Virginia Spring Water Company or Mexico Water Company. After the filing of said petition it shall not to be discontinued or withdrawn by said water district, and the said water companies may thereafterwards cause said valuation to be made as herein provided, and shall be entitled to appropriate process to compel said water district to perform the terms of the final decree and to pay for said plants, properties and franchises in accordance therewith. If a vacancy occurs at any time in said board of appraisers, from any cause, any justice of the supreme judicial court, sitting in said county of Oxford, may, in term time or in vacation, after notice and hearing, appoint a new appraiser or appraisers, and make all such orders for hearing said cause by the appraisers anew or for any extension of time for making their award, or otherwise, as the circumstances of the case may require.

—vacancy on board of appraisers, how filled.

Section 12. All valid contracts, made in good faith, now existing between said defendant companies and any person or corporation for supplying water within the towns named in section one shall be assumed and carried out by said Rumford and Mexico Water District.

Existing contracts shall be carried out.

Section 13. For accomplishing the purposes of this act, said water district, through its trustees, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue therefor the interest-bearing negotiable notes of the district, and for the purpose of paying or refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities, incurred under the provisions of this act, including the expenses incurred in the creation of the district, in acquiring the property and franchises of the Rumford Falls Light & Water Company, Union Construction Company, the Virginia Spring Water Company and Mexico Water Company, by purchase or otherwise, or in the purchase of acquisition of the property and franchises of said defendant companies, of securing sources of supply, taking water and lands, paying damages, laying pipes, constructing, maintaining

Water district may borrow money and issue notes.

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- and operating a water plant, and making renewals, extensions, additions and improvements to the same, the said water district, through its trustees, may from time to time issue bonds of the district to an amount or amounts necessary in the judgment of the trustees therefor. Said notes and bonds shall be legal obligations of the water district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi municipal corporation within the meaning of section ninety-six, chapter forty-seven of the revised statutes, and all the provisions of said section shall be applicable thereto. The said notes and bonds shall be legal investments for savings banks.
- may issue bonds.
- declared to be quasi municipal corporation.
- bonds legal investments for banks.
- Property exempt from taxation. Section 14. The property of said district shall be exempt from all taxation in the town or towns where said water district is located.
- Water rates. Section 15. All individuals, firms and corporations, whether private, public or municipal, shall pay to the treasurer of said district the rates established by said board of trustees for the water used by them, and said rates shall be uniform within the territory supplied by the district. Said rates shall be so established as to provide revenue for the following purposes:
- running expenses.
- I. To pay the current expenses for operating and maintaining the water system.
- payment of interest.
- II. To provide for the payment of the interest on the indebtedness created by the district.
- sinking fund.
- III. To provide each year a sum equal to not less than one-half of one per cent nor more than five per cent of the entire indebtedness created by the district, which sum shall be turned into a sinking fund and there kept to provide for the extinguishment of said indebtedness. The money set aside for the sinking fund shall be devoted to the retirement of the obligations of the district or invested in such securities as savings banks are allowed to hold.
- Incidental powers granted.
- Section 16. All incidental powers, rights and privileges necessary to the accomplishment of the main object herein set forth are granted to the public municipal corporation hereby created.
- When this act shall take effect. Section 17. This act shall take effect when approved by a majority vote of the legal voters of that portion of said water district comprised by the Rumford Falls Village Corporation, and by a majority vote of the legal voters of that portion of said water district comprised by that part of the town of Mexico designated in section one, at special meetings respectively in the Mexico section and in the Rumford Falls village section of said water district, to be held on the third Monday of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and
- special meetings.

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eleven, unless at a prior meeting of said legal voters of said Rumford Falls Village Corporation, a proposition of the said Rumford Falls Light and Water Company to perfect its water system so that it can in a reasonable manner perform all the duties imposed upon it under its charter, is accepted by a majority vote of said voters present and voting at said meeting. Said special meetings shall be called respectively by the selectmen of the town of Mexico and the assessors of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation, and shall be called, warned and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, provided, however, that the assessors of said Rumford Falls Village Corporation shall not be required to prepare for posting and the clerk of said town of Mexico and the clerk of said Rumford Falls Village Corporation shall not be required to post new lists of voters, but the selectmen of the town of Mexico shall prepare a list of the legal voters residing within the limits of that part of Mexico, included with said water district and described in section one. For the purpose of registration of voters, said board of assessors of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation and the selectmen of the town of Mexico shall be in session at their respective offices the secular day next preceding said special election. The clerk of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation and the clerk of the town of Mexico shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following questions: "Shall the Act to incorporate the Rumford and Mexico Water District be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "yes" or "no" their opinion of the same. The result of the balloting in each case shall be respectively declared by the assessors of said Rumford Falls Village Corporation and the selectmen of the town of Mexico, and certificates thereof shall be filed by the clerk of said Rumford Falls Village Corporation and the clerk of said town of Mexico with the secretary of state.

Section 18. Should the legal voters of the Mexico section of said water district at such special election refuse to approve the act incorporating said water district, then that portion of said town of Mexico described in section one, together with the inhabitants thereof shall not become a portion of said water district, but if the Rumford Falls Village Corporation section of said water district, shall approve said act to incorporate said water district by a majority of the legal voters at said special election, then the territory within said Rumford Falls Village Corporation and the people within the same shall constitute the water district hereby created, and shall be empowered with all the rights, privileges and franchises conferred by

—special meetings, how called.

—registration of voters.

—form of question to be submitted.

In case voters of Mexico section refuse to approve act incorporating water district.

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this act, and shall be authorized to proceed in all acts, matters and things necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, as if it applied from its inception only to that part of the town of Rumford known as the Rumford Falls Village Corporation together with the people within the same, and the refusal to approve this act upon the part of the Mexico section aforesaid, shall in no sense defeat the purposes of this act. As early as may be after said special election, the municipal officers of said towns of Mexico and Rumford, if said act has been approved by both the Mexico section and the Rumford Falls Village section of said water district, shall respectively meet and choose their respective members of the board of trustees for said water district as provided in section nine, but if said act shall not be approved by the Mexico section of said water district and shall be approved by the Rumford Falls Village section, then the municipal officers of said town of Rumford shall as soon as may be thereafter meet and choose three members, who shall constitute the board of trustees for said water district.

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, when null and void.

Section 19. Sections two, three, four, five, six, seven and eight shall be inoperative, null and void unless the said water district shall first acquire by purchase or by the exercise of the right of eminent domain as in this act provided, the plant, property and franchises, rights and privileges of the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company, Union Construction Company, Virginia Spring Water Company, and in case the legal voters of the Mexico section of said water district shall vote to accept this act, of the Mexico Water Company.

When this act shall take effect.

Section 20. This act shall take effect in ninety days after the final adjournment of the legislature, so far as necessary to empower the calling and holding of the elections authorized in section seventeen herein provided for.

Approved March 31, 1911.

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### Chapter 291.

An Act authorizing the merger of Consolidated Electric Light Company of Maine and Portland Lighting & Power Company with Portland Electric Company.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Merger authorized.

Section 1. Portland Electric Company is authorized to merge Consolidated Electric Light Company of Maine and Portland Lighting & Power Company with and in said Portland Electric Company in the manner and on the terms and conditions hereinafter stated.