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OF THE

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-Sixth  
Legislature

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Chapter 98.

An Act to Incorporate the Corinna Water Company.

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

Corpora-  
tors.

Section 1. Belmont A. Smith, Thomas F. Burrill, Albion K. P. Smith, William I. Wood, Horace D. Ridlon, William A. Smith; John H. Winchester, Lamont E. Bemis and John E. Gray, all of Corinna, in the county of Penobscot, with their associates, successors and assigns are hereby made and constituted a body corporate by the name of the Corinna Water Company, for the purpose of conveying to and supplying the inhabitants of Corinna, in said county of Penobscot, or the adjoining town or towns, except St. Albans and Palmyra, or any water company in any adjoining town or towns, except St. Albans and Palmyra, that may contract with the said Corinna Water Company, with pure water for all domestic, sanitary, municipal and commercial purposes, including the extinguishment of fires, and also for constructing and maintaining a sewerage system in said town of Corinna, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to the liabilities and obligations, incident to similar corporations under the laws of this state.

—corporate  
name.

—pur-  
poses.

May take  
and hold  
lands, etc.

Section 2. Said corporation may take and hold by purchase, condemnation proceedings, or otherwise, real and personal estate, necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

May take  
water from  
sources  
wholly or in  
part in town  
of Corinna  
or from  
Dexter  
pond.

Section 3. For any of the purposes aforesaid, or for the preservation and purity of said water, said corporation is hereby authorized to take, retain, collect, store, distribute and use water from any springs, wells or other sources that it may acquire by purchase of the owners thereof, or from any lake, pond, stream, or other sources wholly or partly in said town of Corinna, or from Dexter pond in the town of Dexter, to conduct and distribute the same into and through the said town of Corinna, and into and through any adjoining town or towns, except Saint Albans and Palmyra, or any water system owned and operated by any water company in any adjoining town or towns with which said Corinna Water Company may contract; to survey for, locate, lay, construct and maintain suitable cribs, dams, reservoirs, stand-pipes, machinery, pipes, aqueducts and fixtures, to carry its pipes or aqueducts along, through, over or under any water course, bridge, street railroad, highway or other way, and also to lay and maintain pipes, conduits, and other equipment for carrying, collecting and disposing of sewerage, sewerage matter, waste, and waters, in said town; and to enter upon and excavate any way in such manner as least to obstruct the

—may  
maintain  
dams, etc.

—may lay  
pipes.

—may  
enter upon  
lands, etc.

same; to enter upon, pass over, and excavate any land; and to take and hold by purchase, condemnation proceedings, or otherwise, any real estate, rights of way, or of water; and in general to do any acts necessary, convenient, or proper for carrying out the purposes hereinbefore specified, and for the making of all needed repairs or connections; to lay its pipes, through or over any lands, public or private, and through, across, under or along any way, public or private, with the right to enter thereon and dig therein; and said corporation may establish written regulations for the use of said water, or sewerage service, and change the same from time to time.

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Section 4. Said corporation shall file in the registry of deeds in the county of Penobscot, plans of the location of all land and water rights taken under the provisions of this act; and no entry shall be made upon any land except to make surveys until the expiration of ten days from said filing; and with such plan said corporation may file a statement of the damages it is willing to pay to any person for any property thus taken, and if the amount finally awarded does not exceed that sum, the corporation shall recover costs against said person, otherwise such person shall recover costs against said corporation.

Shall file locations in registry of deeds.

Section 5. Said corporation shall be held to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any person or persons, to themselves or their property, occasioned by the use of said streets or highways, and shall pay to said town of Corinna, or adjoining town, where said damage shall arise, all sums of money recovered against it, from obstruction occasioned by said corporation, and for all expenses including reasonable counsel fees, incurred defending such suits, with interest on the same, but said corporation may assume the defense in such suits brought to recover damages as aforesaid; and also for all damages sustained by any corporation, person or persons, by the taking of land, water, rights of way, or other property, or by excavating through any land for the purpose of surveying, locating, laying or building cribs, dams, reservoirs, stand-pipes, pipes, aqueducts or conduits, and from other injuries resulting from said acts; and if any corporation, person or persons, sustaining damage as aforesaid shall not agree with said corporation upon the sum to be paid therefor, either party upon petition to the county commissioners of Penobscot county, within twelve months after said plans are filed, may have said damages assessed by them, and subsequent proceedings and appeal thereon, shall be had in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed in the case of damages by the laying out of highways.

Corporation liable for damages occasioned by use of streets.

—liable for damages for taking of land, etc.

—damages, how determined.

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Waiver of damages. Corporation may occupy lands before final judgment. Capital stock.

Place of business.

May make contracts for supply of water.

May issue bonds.

First meeting, how called.

After five years town of Corinna may purchase system.

Terms of price, how settled.

Failure to apply for damages within said twelve months shall be held to be a waiver of the same.

Said corporation shall have the right to begin to occupy such lands or rights for its corporate purposes before the rendition of final judgment.

Section 6. The capital stock of said corporation shall be ten thousand dollars, but may be increased from time to time as the needs of said corporation may require to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, and the capital stock of said corporation shall be divided into shares of fifty dollars each.

Section 7. The place of business of said corporation shall be at Corinna, in the county of Penobscot and state of Maine.

Section 8. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with any corporations, individuals, the town of Corinna, or any adjoining town, and any village corporation in said town of Corinna, or any adjoining town, and with any fire or water district in said town of Corinna or any adjoining town, and with any water company in any adjoining town, for the purpose of supplying water as contemplated by the purposes of this act and organization.

Section 9. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue bonds not exceeding in amount three-fourths of its capital stock, the same to be a first lien upon its franchises and property.

Section 10. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by written notice thereof, signed by any two corporators named therein, served upon each corporator by giving him in hand, or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, seven days before the time of meeting.

Section 11. Said town of Corinna, or any water district including said town or portion thereof, at any time after the expiration of five years from the opening for use and service of a system of water works or a sewerage system constructed by said corporation, including all contracts and rights then existing, and after a vote in a legal town meeting to that effect has been passed, shall have the right to purchase, and by this act said corporation is required to sell to said town or water district said water and sewerage systems, including everything appertaining thereto. Said town or water district in such purchase is hereby required to assume the payment of all outstanding bonds of said corporation. If said town, or water district, and said corporation cannot agree upon the terms and price, then such terms and price shall be determined and fixed by the

chief justice of the supreme court of the State of Maine, after due hearing of the parties interested, and from the decision of said chief justice there shall be no appeal. CHAP. 99

Approved March 13, 1913.

### Chapter 99.

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Rumford Falls Light & Water Company.

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

Section 1. The charter of the Rumford Falls Light & Water Company as prescribed in chapter three hundred sixty-five of the special laws of eighteen hundred ninety-three together with all amendments thereto is hereby amended by adding the following sections:

Charter amended.

'Section 2. The Rumford Falls Light & Water Company, a corporation located at Rumford in the county of Oxford, is hereby authorized to furnish electricity for lighting and power purposes in the towns of Canton and Dixfield in the county of Oxford, and for this purpose is hereby given the same rights, powers and privileges and is subject to the same restrictions and liabilities, that are given it in its original charter and all amendments thereto, and is further subject to all general laws governing electricity furnished for similar purposes now in force or that may hereafter be enacted.'

Authorized to furnish light and power in Canton and Dixfield.

'Section 3. But none of the provisions of this charter shall apply to the territory of East Dixfield, Severy's Hill (so-called) and Dixfield Center situated in the town of Dixfield.'

Excepted territory.

Approved March 13, 1913.

### Chapter 100.

An Act to Authorize the County Commissioners of Oxford County to Procure a Copy of Volume One of the Records of Deeds in the Western Registry of Deeds for Said County.

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

Section 1. The county commissioners of Oxford county are hereby authorized and empowered to procure a copy of volume one of the records of deeds in the western district registry of deeds, for said county, which shall be duly attested by said register, and to file said copy therein, in the same manner and form as the current records thereof, preserving the number and page of the original volume.

County com'rs authorized to procure a copy of Vol. 1 of western district registry.