

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-Sixth  
Legislature

***1913***

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CHAP. 200 ter twenty-three of the revised statutes of Maine, or amendments thereof.

Approved March 31, 1913.

**Chapter 200.**

An Act to Incorporate the Machias Valley Light & Power Company.

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

Corporators.

Section 1. Edward B. Curtis and Ralph Bailey of Machias, George F. West and Maynard S. Bird of Portland, and Walter J. Gilpatric of Saco, all in the State of Maine, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Machias Valley Light & Power Company, with all the rights and privileges and subject to all the obligations incident to corporations organized under the general law, except as otherwise herein provided.

—corporate name.

—rights, privileges and obligations.

Location.

Section 2. The location and principal office of said corporation shall be in the town of Machias in Washington county and said corporation may establish other offices and places of business as it shall deem necessary or convenient.

Capital stock.

Section 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall be fixed as the stockholders from time to time determine, but shall not exceed three hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each, of such classes as the shareholders may determine. It may purchase, hold and convey real estate and personal property as it shall find necessary for its business.

—may purchase and convey real and personal property.

Purposes.

Section 4. The purposes of said corporation are to make, buy, generate, sell, distribute and supply electricity for lighting, heating, manufacturing, power or mechanical purposes in the towns of Machias, East Machias and Machiasport in said county; provided, however, it shall first acquire by purchase the plant, property, franchise, rights, privileges and locations of the Machias Electric Light Company, a corporation organized under the general law and authorized to engage in the electric lighting and power business in said towns, and said Machias Electric Light Company is hereby authorized to sell and convey its said franchise, rights, plant and estate. But hydro-electric power generated in said towns shall be transmitted outside of said towns only in such quantities as said company can find no market for therein at going rates. Said corporation is also authorized to acquire by purchase or lease and to own, hold and operate any other electric light or power company or plant doing busi-

—shall first acquire plant, etc., of Machias Electric Light Co.

—Machias Electric Light Co. authorized to sell its plant, etc.

—corporation may acquire other light or power companies.

ness or authorized to do business in said county, and the owners thereof may so sell and convey the same with all rights, property, privileges and franchises thereto pertaining. Upon acquiring the rights, properties, privileges and franchises of said Machias Electric Light Company or of any other company, corporation or plant which it is hereunder authorized to acquire, said Machias Valley Light & Power Company shall have, hold, exercise and enjoy the same for its own uses and purposes as though originally and expressly granted to it.

Section 5. Said corporation is also hereby authorized to acquire by purchase the plant, property, shares of stock, rights and franchise of the Machias Water Company, and said water company is hereby authorized to sell and convey the same, and upon making such purchase said corporation may own, hold, exercise and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges pertaining to said water company by virtue of the charter of said company, or general law, as though originally and expressly granted to said Machias Valley Light & Power Company, and shall perform all duties, service, contracts, and obligations of said water company, and may merge said company with it.

Section 6. All claims, contracts, rights and causes of action, either at law or in equity, by or against any corporation acquired under this act, may be prosecuted or defended by said Machias Valley Light & Power Company in like manner and effect as if such acquisition had not been made, and all obligations, duties and service imposed by law or contract upon the corporation so sold and acquired shall become the duties and obligations of said Machias Valley Light & Power Company, and shall be performed by it.

Section 7. Said corporation may construct and maintain its lines to obtain, transmit and distribute electric current in, over, along, under and across highways and public roads subject to the reasonable regulation and permission by the municipal officers of the towns wherein such lines are located as provided by general law.

Section 8. Said corporation at its own expense, without unnecessary delay, shall remove any and all obstructions in any public way made in erecting or laying its lines, and cause earth disturbed to be properly replaced. It shall not obstruct or impair the use of any public or private drain or gas pipe, sewer, telegraph, telephone or railroad wire, light or power wires, but may cross, or when necessary change the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or sewer, in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, being responsible for any injury occa-

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May acquire plant, etc., of Machias Water Co.

—said water company may sell its plant, etc.

Claims, contracts, etc., how prosecuted or defended.

Corporation may maintain lines on highways, etc.

Shall not unnecessarily obstruct public travel.

—shall not obstruct sewers, etc.

—may change direction of sewers, etc.

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May issue  
bonds.

Section 9. Said corporation may issue its bonds upon such rates and time as it deems expedient, and in such amount as may be required for the objects and purposes authorized by this act, and may secure said bonds, or any bonds given in renewal thereof, by proper mortgages upon any part or all of its franchises and properties. Said corporation is hereby authorized to guarantee the payment of principal and interest, or either, of the bonds or other obligations of other corporations which it may acquire under this act, and vote any stock it may so acquire.

Duties and  
restrictions.

Section 10. Said corporation shall be subject to all duties and restrictions imposed on corporations by chapter two hundred and forty-four of the public laws of nineteen hundred nine restricting the transmission of electric current beyond the confines of the state.

Approved March 31, 1913.

### Chapter 201.

An Act to Amend Section Five of Chapter One Hundred Eighty-four of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred Ninety-one, relating to Drains and Sewers in the City of Portland.

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

Section 5 of  
chapter 184  
of P. & S.  
laws of  
1891,  
amended.

Section five of chapter one hundred eighty-four of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred ninety-one is hereby amended by striking out of said section the words "one year" in the third line, and inserting in the place thereof the words 'two years,' and by striking out of said section the words "one year" in the nineteenth line, and inserting in the place thereof, the words 'two years,' and by striking out the words "under chapter six of the revised statutes" in the seventeenth and eighteenth line, so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

Assess-  
ments shall  
create a lien.

'Section 5. All assessments made under the provisions of this act shall create a lien upon each and every lot or parcel of land so assessed, which lien shall continue two years after said assessments are payable, and within ten days after they are made, the clerk of said city shall make out a list of all such assessments, the amount of each assessment, and the name of the person, if known, against whom the same is assessed, to be by him certified; and he shall deliver the same to the treasurer of said city, and if said assessments are not paid within three months from the date of said assessments, then the treasurer shall proceed and sell such of said lots or parcels of land upon which said assess-

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