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# Acts and Resolves

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trict of said county, situated at Fryeburg, at an expense not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

**Sec. 2. Registry may be erected on new site; present registry may be sold.** Said commissioners may in their discretion and hereby are empowered to acquire by gift or purchase another site for said registry in said town of Fryeburg and build anew thereon, and for this purpose are hereby authorized at any time to sell at public or private sale any conveyable title which said county of Oxford may at the date of said sale have in and to the present registry lot and building as now extant; the funds to be derived therefrom to be paid by said commissioners to the treasurer of said county.

**Sec. 3. Expense; how met.** In order to carry out the purposes of this act, said county commissioners are authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars temporarily, and to issue therefor the interest bearing negotiable notes of said county, and for the purpose of paying or refunding the indebtedness so created, said county commissioners may, from time to time, issue the interest bearing bonds of said county for a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Approved March 22, 1917.

## Chapter 87.

An Act Authorizing the Town of Bucksport to Secure a Supply of Water.

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

**Sec. 1. Source of supply and purposes.** The town of Bucksport or the trustees hereinafter provided for, or any corporation of which either may obtain control, as provided in section two, either directly or through ownership of stock, are authorized and empowered to take water from any spring or springs or ponds in the town of Bucksport in the county of Hancock, sufficient for domestic purposes in said town of Bucksport, including a sufficient quantity for extinguishing fires, and the supply of hotels, livery stables, laundries, sprinkling streets within said town, and for all domestic purposes, to take and convey through the town of said Bucksport, and to all points thereof, any of the waters aforesaid by aqueduct or pipe sunk to any depth desirable for said purposes.

**Sec. 2. System may be purchased; payment may be made in installments.** The town of Bucksport, or said trustee, may make any necessary contract with any person or corporation for acquiring the ownership of a system of water works within said town, whereby said town, or said trustee, may be entitled to purchase the whole at one time or to purchase the same in installments through a period of years.

**Sec. 3. General powers.** For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act said town or trustee or any corporation of which either may obtain control as provided in section two, either directly or through ownership of stock, shall have power and are hereby authorized to take and hold

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by purchase or otherwise, any lands or real estate necessary for laying and maintaining pipes, locks, gates, dams, hydrants and reservoirs for taking, conducting, holding, discharging and distributing water, and for roadways to be used as approaches thereto, doing no unnecessary damage. They may enter upon said lands to make surveys and locations, and shall file in the registry of deeds in the county of Hancock plans of such location and land showing the property taken and within thirty days thereafter, publish such notice of such taking and filing in some newspaper in said county, such publication to be continued three weeks successively; and said filing in the registry of deeds shall be in lieu of any other filing now required by law. Said town, or said trustee may permit the use, for said purposes, of any land so taken by it, by any person or corporation, with which it has made such a contract as is described in section two, whereby the town may be entitled to acquire the ownership of a system of waterworks in said town.

**Sec. 4. Damages when agreement cannot be reached.** Should the town or said trustee, or such corporation, and the owner of such land be unable to agree upon the damages to be paid for such location taken and holden, the land owner, or the town, or trustee, or such corporation, may within six months after the filing of said plans and location, apply to the county commissioners of the county of Hancock, who shall cause such damages to be assessed in the same manner and under the same conditions, restrictions, limitation and rights of appeal, as are by law prescribed in the case of damages for the laying out of highways, so far as such law is consistent with the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 5. Construction may be contracted for; town may purchase in installments.** The town of Bucksport, or said trustee, or any corporation of which either may obtain control, as provided in section two, either directly or through ownership of stock, are authorized and empowered to contract with any person or corporation to construct aqueducts, pipes, dams, reservoirs, locks, gates, hydrants, and other necessary structures upon lands so taken, as hereinbefore prescribed. Any such corporation organized to construct any such aqueduct, is empowered to place all or any part of its capital stock in the name of a trustee, or trustees, and to contract with said trustee, or trustees, and shall sell and deliver the same to the town in installments, from year to year, as may be agreed upon.

**Sec. 6. Water commissioners; election; tenure, compensation; powers and duties.** For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the town of Bucksport, at a meeting duly called therefor, may, as soon as this act takes effect, and shall, as soon as the town comes into ownership, control or management of a system of waterworks by building, purchase, or otherwise, elect by ballot three water commissioners, the three first chosen as aforesaid, shall serve, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafterwards one commissioner shall be elected annually in the month of March to serve for a term of three years. Said commissioners are authorized to fix the water rates and determine the conditions and manner of the water supply, and shall have the general control and management of the water system owned by the town. They shall receive such compensation for their services as may be fixed by the town.

**Sec. 7. Pipes may be laid in highways.** Said town or said trustee, or any corporation of which either may obtain control directly or indirectly, as described in section two, are authorized, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, to dig up and to excavate any highway, lay pipe therein, and fill the same under the direction of the selectmen.

**Sec. 8. Notice to be filed in registry of deeds when water is taken; damages how assessed.** Whenever said town, or said trustee, or any corporation of which either may obtain control, as provided in section two, either directly or through ownership of stock, shall, under section one, take water from any of the sources therein named, it shall file in the registry of deeds in the county of Hancock, a notice of such taking, describing the size, location and depth, of the pipe or pipes, through which said water is to be taken from said sources. The said town, or said trustee, or said corporation, shall pay all damages sustained by any person or corporation, in property by the taking of any water, water sources, water right or easement, or any other thing done by said town, or by said trustee, or by said corporation first named in this section, under the authority of this act, which shall be determined and assessed in the same manner as provided in section four, for land taken under the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 9. Town may transfer franchise to be held in trust; may purchase system paying in installments.** Said town of Bucksport may transfer its franchise herein granted to any person or persons, or corporation by vote of the town at a legal meeting called for that purpose to hold in trust for the benefit of said town, said trustee shall thereupon proceed to construct a system of water works in said town for the benefit of said town as per the provisions of this act, and said trustee or trustees may contract with any person, or persons, or corporation to construct said system, said trustee being entitled to receive the net profits of said property, with a certain sum to be voted by the town annually to be applied to the principal cost of construction and interest thereon and all bonds thus paid by the town shall be sold and transferred by said trustee to said town discharged of said trust. Such trustee with the consent of the town, may also create or hold security on said property, rights, privileges and franchises for money advanced by said trustee, or by any persons or corporation in constructing said system of waterworks.

**Sec. 10. Bond issue authorized.** For the purpose of raising money to carry out the provisions of this act said town of Bucksport may issue bonds, registered or with interest coupons, under the direction of the inhabitants thereof at a legal meeting called therefor, to an amount which, in connection with other indebtedness of said town, shall not exceed the amount limited by the constitution of Maine; said bonds and coupons to be signed by the treasurer of said town and shall be designated "The Bucksport Water Loan."

**Sec. 11. Water rates.** The rates for supplying water under this act shall be fixed so that all expense for repairs and management shall be paid annually with interest.

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**Sec. 12. Vitiated unless construction is begun within four years.** This act shall become null and void in four years from the time when the same takes effect, unless the town or its trustee shall have commenced the construction of its works under this charter.

Approved March 23, 1917.

## Chapter 88.

An Act to Provide for a County Law Library at Rumford in the County of Oxford.

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

**County to contribute to support of county law library at Rumford.** The treasurer of Oxford county shall annually pay to the treasurer of the Law Library Association of said county for the uses and benefits of the county law library at Rumford the sum of five hundred dollars; this sum being additional to the amount now provided by law for the use of the county law library at Paris in said county.

Approved March 23, 1917.

## Chapter 89.

An Act Amending Chapter One Hundred Twenty-one of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred Fifteen Relating to a Closed Time on Lobsters in Machias Bay and Adjacent Waters in the County of Washington.

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

**P. & S. L., 1915, c. 121, § 1, amended.** Section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred fifteen is hereby amended by striking out therefrom the following words: "thence to the nearest point of the mainland in the town of Cutler; thence following the line of said mainland to the point thereof nearest the island known as The Spindle near the entrance to Cross Island Narrows; thence to The Spindle and continuing in a direct line to the easternmost point of the island known as Double Head Shots and continuing thence due south for a distance of three miles;" and inserting therein in place thereof the following words: 'thence running south southwest two and three-fourths miles; thence south southeast one-half mile; thence south by west three-fourths west to the three mile limit; thence by said three mile limit to a point three miles due south from the easternmost point of Camp island, otherwise known as The Brothers;,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Boundaries altered.** No person shall take, catch, kill, or destroy any lobsters between the first day of July and the thirty-first day of August, both inclusive, in each year, in any of the waters of Machias bay, or waters adjacent thereto, between the following described lines, to wit: