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Chapter 134.

An Act to Change the Name of the Unitarian Church of Augusta, Maine.

Name changed to All Souls. The name of the Unitarian Church of Augusta, Maine, is hereby changed to All Souls Church (Unitarian) of Augusta, Maine.

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 135.

An Act to Establish the Mount Desert Bridge District, for the Purpose of Acquiring, Freeing and Reconstructing the Mount Desert Toll Bridge in the Town of Trenton in Hancock County.

Emergency preamble. Whereas the Mount Desert Toll Bridge which this act contemplates making a free bridge, is the only means of access by land to the large and populous island of Mount Desert, and

Whereas said bridge is in a dilapidated, weak and unsafe condition and wholly inadequate to accommodate the large summer traffic, and from reasons both of public safety and convenience the work of reconstruction should be begun forthwith, and

Whereas by reason of the foregoing facts an emergency exists such as is contemplated by the constitution, and the passage of this act is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Mount Desert Bridge District created. The towns of Eden, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont and Trenton, in the county of Hancock, and the people within the same, shall constitute a public municipal corporation under the name of the Mount Desert Bridge District, for the purpose of acquiring the toll bridge, approaches and toll house, together with all franchises belonging to the same, owned by the Mount Desert Toll Bridge Co. extending across the Narrows, so-called, from the main land to Thompson's Island, all in the town of Trenton, or for the construction of a bridge in a new location across said Narrows.

Sec. 2. Authorized to purchase existing bridge. Said bridge district is hereby empowered, if the trustees hereinafter provided for deem best, to purchase said existing bridge, and pay therefor a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. Right of eminent domain. Said Mount Desert Bridge District shall have the right of eminent domain to take all land necessary for laying out a location for a new bridge, approaches and buildings for tools, draw

tender and any other buildings necessary for use of said district, should the construction of a new bridge be deemed more expedient than the acquisition of the now existing bridge.

Sec. 4. Management. All affairs of said bridge district shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of ten members, five chosen by Eden, two by Mount Desert, one by Southwest Harbor, one by Tremont and one by Trenton; said trustees may choose a treasurer, clerk and such other officers and agents as they deem necessary for the proper management of the affairs of the district, and may establish a code of by-laws and all necessary rules and regulations for the proper conduct of the affairs of said district.

Sec. 5. Authorization for transfer of property of Mount Desert Bridge Company. Said bridge 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 bridge district for said purpose, the toll bridge approaches and toll house, together with all franchises belonging to the same, owned by the Mount Desert Bridge company extending across the Narrows, so-called, from the mainland to Thompson's Island in the town of Trenton. Said Mount Desert Bridge company is hereby authorized to sell and transfer all its franchises and property to said Mount Desert Bridge District.

Sec. 6. May issue bonds and notes. For accomplishing the purposes of this act said bridge district, through its trustees, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and issue therefor the interest bearing negotiable notes of the district and for the purpose of refunding or paying said indebtedness, may from time to time issue negotiable bonds of the district to an amount necessary in the judgment of the trustees therefor; said negotiable notes and bonds shall be legal obligations of the bridge district which is hereby declared a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of the revised statutes.

Sec. 7. Exemption from taxation. The property of said district shall be exempt from all taxation in the town or towns where said bridge district is located.

Sec. 8. No tolls to be charged. Said bridge shall be a free bridge.

Sec. 9. Powers and privileges. 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.

Sec. 10. Interest and sinking fund, how apportioned and collected; seven trustees may act. Seven or more of said trustees shall have full power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in the board caused by failure of any town to choose a member thereof, or however otherwise caused. In each year the trustees shall determine the amount required for interest and sinking fund and shall apportion said amount among the towns in the district in accordance with their respective valuations as fixed by the board of state assessors. On or before April first in each year the trustees shall certify the sum apportioned to each of said towns to the assessors thereof. It

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shall be the duty of the assessors to include said sum in their commitment and each town shall be liable to pay to said trustees its said proportion on or before August first.

Section 11. Maintenance of bridge. The bridge shall be maintained as provided under chapter seventy-two of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred fifteen and in the same manner as though said bridge district had not been formed.

Sec. 12. P. L., 1915, c. 319; applicable. Chapter three hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred fifteen known as the "Bridge Law," shall apply to said bridge district in the same manner as it does to a town or city and said bridge district shall furnish fifty per cent. of the cost of construction, the county thirty per cent. and the state twenty per cent.

Sec. 13. Composition of board provided for by P. L., 1915, c. 319, § 2. The board provided by section two of said chapter three hundred and nineteen shall consist of said trustees together with the county commissioners for said county of Hancock, and the state highway commission.

Sec. 14. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 136.

An Act to Repeal Chapter One Hundred One of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred Eleven, Relating to the Phillips Village Corporation.

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

P. & S. L., 1911, c. 101, repealed. Chapter one hundred one of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and eleven, relating to the Phillips Village Corporation is hereby repealed.

Approved March 30, 1917.

Chapter 137.

An Act to Incorporate the Musquacook Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

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

Sec. 1. Name and corporators. George M. Stearns, F. W. Hill, Haven Sawyer, H. B. Buck, Everett E. Amey, George G. Weeks and Gilbert Oakley, their associates and assigns, are hereby incorporated under the name of the Musquacook Stream Dam and Improvement Company, with all the powers and privileges of similar corporations.

Sec. 2. Purposes; adjustment of damages. Said corporation is authorized to build dams, side dams, remove rocks and make all other necessary