

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1887.

---

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820,  
February 18, 1840, and March 16, 1842.

---

AUGUSTA:  
SPRAGUE & SON, PRINTERS TO THE STATE.  
1887.

---

---

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1887.

---

---

CHAP. 44

portion of the school moneys in said town, not exceeding the amount aforesaid, as shall be so determined to be reasonable and proper, may be so appropriated and expended.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 3, 1887.

### Chapter 44.

An Act to incorporate the Skowhegan Water Company.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

- SECT. 1. R. B. Shepherd, L. W. Weston, A. R. Bixby, J. O. Smith, C. M. Brainard, Jas. P. Blunt, J. C. Griffin, F. B. Heselton, H. S. Steward, S. W. Gould, C. A. Marston and L. L. Walton, with their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Skowhegan Water Company, for the purpose of conveying to, and of supplying the inhabitants of the town of Skowhegan with water for all domestic, sanitary, municipal and commercial purposes; with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the liabilities and obligations of similar corporations, under the general laws of this state.
- SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, real and personal estate necessary and convenient for the purpose aforesaid, not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- SECT. 3. For any of the purposes aforesaid, or for the preservation and purity of said water, said corporation is hereby authorized to take and use water from the Kennebec river, to conduct and distribute the same into and through the town aforesaid, to survey for, locate, lay, erect and maintain suitable dams, reservoirs and machinery, pipes, aqueducts and fixtures; to carry its pipes or aqueducts under or over any water-course, bridge, street, railroad, highway or other way; and said corporation is further authorized to enter upon and excavate any highway, or other way, in such manner as least to obstruct the same; to enter, pass over and excavate any lands, and to take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any real estate, rights of way or of water, and in general do any acts necessary, convenient or proper, for carrying out any of
- Corporators.
- Corporate name.
- Purpose.
- May hold real and personal estate.
- May take water from Kennebec river.
- maintain dams, etc.
- carry pipes over high-ways, etc.
- take lands, etc.

CHAP. 44

the purposes hereinbefore specified. And said corporation is further authorized, for the purpose of making all needed repairs or service connections, to lay its pipes through any public or private lands or ways, with the right to enter upon the same and dig therein, and said corporation may establish written regulations for the use of said water, and change the same from time to time.

—lay pipes, through public or private lands or ways.

SECT. 4. Said corporation shall file in the registry of deeds, in the county of Somerset, 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 lands except to make surveys, until the expiration of ten days from said filing; and with such plan, the corporation may file a statement of the damages it is willing to pay to any person for any property so taken, and if the amount finally awarded does not exceed that sum, the company shall recover costs against such person, otherwise such person shall recover costs against the company.

Shall file with registry of deeds, plans of location.

—also statement of damages it is willing to pay.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall be held liable to pay all damages that shall be sustained by any persons, to themselves or their property, occasioned by the use of such streets and ways, and shall pay to said town all sums recovered against said town for damages from obstruction caused by said corporation, and for all expenses, including reasonable counsel fees incurred in defending such suits with interest on the same, but said corporation may assume the defense of suits brought to recover damages, as aforesaid; and also for all damages sustained by any persons by the taking of any land, water, rights of way, or other property, or by excavating through any land for the purpose of surveying, locating, laying or building dams, reservoirs, pipes and aqueducts, and for any other injuries resulting from said acts, and if any person sustaining damage as aforesaid, shall not agree with said corporation upon the sum to be paid therefor, either party, on petition to the county commissioners of Somerset county, within twelve months after said plans are filed, may have said damage assessed by them, and subsequent proceedings, and right of 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

Liability for damages.

—how determined in case of disagreement.

CHAP. 45

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

Authorized to lay pipes, etc., in public streets and ways.

SECT. 6. Said corporation is hereby authorized to lay down and maintain in and through the streets and ways of the town aforesaid, all such pipes, aqueducts and fixtures as may be necessary for the purposes hereinbefore specified. Said town and Skowhegan Village Corporation are hereby authorized to contract with said corporation for a supply of said water, for fire or other purposes, for a term of years, and at the expiration of said contract, to renew or change the same.

—make contracts for supplying water.

Capital stock.

SECT. 7. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Manufacturing and other corporations doing business in said town, are hereby authorized to subscribe for, and to hold stock of said Skowhegan Water Company.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 8. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by a written notice thereof, signed by any two corporators herein named, served upon each corporator by giving him the same in hand, or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, seven days, at least, before the time of meeting.

May issue bonds.

SECT. 9. Said corporation is hereby authorized to issue bonds, not exceeding in amount one-half of its capital stock, the same to be a first lien upon its franchise and property.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 3, 1887.

### Chapter 45.

An Act to authorize the town of Greenwood to refund its bonded debt.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Town of Greenwood authorized to refund its debt.

SECT. 1. The town of Greenwood is hereby authorized to retire, by purchase or exchange, at the option and with the consent of the holder, its bonded indebtedness, either at or before maturity thereof, and for this purpose to issue new bonds in such form and amount, having such rate of interest and payable at such times and places as may be determined by vote of the qualified voters of said town at a meeting