

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 198

House of Representatives, Feb. 19, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and 500 ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wilson of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT to Provide for the Removal of Electric Wires and  
Poles when Necessary for the Repair of Streets or Removal  
of Buildings.

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

Section 1. Whenever it shall become necessary, in order  
2 to move a building, to cut, disconnect or remove the wires  
3 or poles of a telegraph, telephone, electric light or power  
4 company or street railroad company, the person desiring  
5 such cutting, disconnection or removal shall give notice in  
6 writing of the time when and the place where such cutting,  
7 disconnection or removal is desired, to said company at  
8 least three days before the time when such cutting, discon-

9 nection or removal is desired. If the company shall fail  
10 to cut, disconnect or remove said posts or wires in accord-  
11 ance with the terms of said notice the person giving such  
12 notice may make the cutting, disconnection or removal,  
13 and recover the cost thereof of the company in an action  
14 of debt. If the company shall cut, disconnect and remove  
15 said posts and wires in accordance with the terms of such  
16 notice it may recover the actual expense thereof, either from  
17 the owner of the building or the person giving such notice,  
18 in an action of debt.

Sect. 2. Whenever it shall be necessary, in order to alter,  
2 repair or improve a street, bridge or way, to cut, discon-  
3 nect or remove the wires or poles of a telegraph, telephone,  
4 electric light or power company or street railroad company,  
5 the person desiring such cutting, disconnection or removal  
6 shall give notice in writing to the company of the time  
7 when and the place where such cutting, disconnection or  
8 removal is desired at least three days before the time when  
9 such cutting, disconnection or removal is desired. If the  
10 company shall fail to cut, disconnect and remove said posts  
11 or wires in accordance with the terms of said notice, such  
12 person may make the cutting, disconnection or removal and  
13 recover the cost thereof, from the company, in an action of  
14 debt.

Sect. 3. Whoever shall cut, disconnect or remove the  
2 wires or poles of a telegraph, telephone, electric light or  
3 power company or street railroad company without first

4 giving the notice provided in the two preceding sections,  
5 shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars or impris-  
6 oned not more than three years.

Sect. 4. Section 31 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes  
2 of Maine is hereby repealed.