

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 36

House of Representatives, Jan. 25, 1921.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rounds of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

AN ACT Regulating the Licensing of Poles erected in Streets,
Highways and Public Ways and Fixing the License Fee.

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

Section 1. Every corporation, association or person operating in whole or in part a telephone, telegraph, electric light or power line within the state and using or maintaining a pole line within the limits of any street, highway or public way, shall pay to the treasurer of state annually for the use of the several towns and cities of the state, hereinafter designated, a license fee of twenty cents for each and every pole so used or maintained. Every such corporation, association or person shall on or before the first day of August in the year

10 one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one and thereafter on
11 or before the first day of August in every year make return
12 under oath to the secretary of the state a statement of the
13 number of such poles and the location thereof. Said license
14 fee shall be paid to the treasurer of state on or before the
15 first day of September annually. Said license fee shall be a
16 lien on the property used in operating such telegraph, tele-
17 phone, electric light or power line, and takes precedence over
18 all other liens excepting the lien provided in section forty of
19 chapter nine of the revised statutes.

Sect. 2. The treasurer of state shall on or before the first
2 day of October in each year pay to each town and city the
3 amount of the license fees received from poles used and
4 maintained in such town or city for the preceding year end-
5 ing on the first day of August. Towns and cities receiving
6 such fees shall use and expend the same for no purpose other
7 than for the maintenance of such streets, highways and
8 public ways in such towns and cities within the limits of
9 which such pole lines are used or maintained.