

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
OF THE  
SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE.

1881.

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OF THE

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**Chapter 54.****CHAP. 54.**

An Act to incorporate the town of Howard.

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

SECT. 1. The township hitherto known by the name of Howard in the county of Piscataquis, and being township number eight in the eighth range north of the Waldo patent, be and hereby is incorporated into a town by the name of Howard, and the inhabitants of said town are hereby vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within this state do or may enjoy.

Howard, town of, incorporated.

SECT. 2. Any justice of the peace within said county is hereby empowered to issue his warrant to some inhabitant of said town directing him to notify the inhabitants thereof to meet at such time and place as he shall appoint to choose such officers and transact such business as other towns are empowered to do at their annual town meetings.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 22, 1881.

**Chapter 55.**

An Act to incorporate the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company.

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

SECT. 1. Rufus Prince, O. H. Hersey, S. C. Andrews, Israel Washburn, Junior, George C. Wing, George D. Bissbee, R. C. Thomes, Jason Farrar, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body politic, by the name of the Oxford and Androscoggin Telegraph Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties and obligations, granted and prescribed by the general laws of this state, relating to corporations.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to own, construct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph and a line or lines of telephone, from the town of Buckfield in the county of Oxford, through any intervening town or towns in Oxford or Androscoggin counties, to any point in the city of Auburn or city of Lewiston in the county of

May construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines.

CHAP. 55. Androscoggin, upon and along any public highway, railroad, bridge or private lands, but in such manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof, with the right to cut down trees and remove obstacles, when necessary, within the limits aforesaid, except ornamental, fruit or shade trees, and with the power to establish and collect tolls on said line or lines.

Damage for land taken, how estimated.

SECT. 3. If the land of any individual or corporation is taken under this act, and the parties cannot agree on the damages occasioned thereby, they shall be estimated, secured and paid in the manner provided in case of land taken for railroads.

May connect with other companies, or sell or lease lines.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to connect its line or lines with those of any other telegraph or telephone company or corporation, or to sell or lease its line or lines of telegraph and property and telephone and property, either before or after completion, to any other telegraph or telephone company or corporation, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon, which sale or lease shall be binding upon the parties, or may purchase or lease any other line or lines of telegraph or telephone upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

Capital stock and purpose.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation, shall be of such amount, as said corporation may from time to time determine to be necessary, for the sole purpose of owning, constructing, maintaining and operating the line or lines of telegraph or telephone hereby authorized or contemplated, and said corporation may purchase, hold, sell and convey all real and personal property necessary for the purposes contemplated in this charter.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 6. The two first corporators named in this act, may call the first meeting of the corporation, by mailing a written notice signed by both, postage paid, to each of the other corporators, seven days at least before the day of the meeting, naming the time, place and purposes of such meeting, and at such meeting a president, secretary, treasurer and directors may be chosen, by-laws adopted, and any corporate business transacted.

Officers and by-laws.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.