

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 29.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX.

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AN ACT to incorporate the New England Telegraph Company.

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

SECTION 1. Richard Palmer, Albion K. P. Bradbury, Isaac W. Eaton, Jeremiah M. Mason and Henry K. Bradbury, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the New England Telegraph Company, with all the rights and privileges and subject to all the duties provided by the general laws of the state relating to corporations, with power by that name to sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal and the same to change at pleasure, to establish any and all by-laws

11 and regulations for the management of their affairs,  
12 not repugnant to the laws of this state, and to do any  
13 and all lawful acts incident to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to con-  
2 struct, maintain and operate lines of telegraph from the  
3 city of Portland in the State of Maine, through the  
4 towns of Westbrook, Gorham, Buxton, Hollis, Waterbo-  
5 rough, Alfred and Sanford to any point on the western  
6 line of the state, with branch lines of telegraph from  
7 any point on said line to any point in Oxford county.

SECT. 3. The capital stock of said company shall be  
2 of such amount as they may from time to time deter-  
3 mine to be necessary for the sole purpose of construct-  
4 ing, maintaining and operating the lines of telegraph  
5 hereby authorized and contemplated, and they may  
6 purchase, hold and dispose of such personal and real  
7 estate as may be necessary for those purposes.

SECT. 4. This company shall have power by agree-  
2 ment with other person or persons or bodies corporate,  
3 to connect their lines with other lines of telegraph  
4 within and without the state.

SECT. 5. Any two of the persons named in this act  
2 of incorporation may call the first meeting of the com-  
3 pany by giving written and reasonable notice thereof  
4 to each of their associates.

## AMENDMENT.

## A.

Amend section one by adding, "And said company  
2 shall have the right to locate and construct its lines  
3 upon and along any public highway or bridge, or along  
4 and upon the line of any railroad, but in such manner  
5 as not to incommode or endanger the customary public  
6 use thereof. And the company may cut down any  
7 trees standing within the limits of any highway except  
8 ornamental or shade trees, when necessary for the  
9 erection, use or safety of its lines." (Adopted.)

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 7, 1866. }

Read three times, amended as per sheet A, and on motion of  
Mr. GARNSEY, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*