

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 52.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY.

AN ACT to incorporate the National Bell Telephone Company of the State of Maine.

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

SECTION 1. Charles B. Gardner, Payson Tucker, 2 Franklin J. Rollins, their associates, successors and 3 assigns, are hereby created a body corporate by 4 the name of the national bell telephone company 5 of the state of Maine, with all the rights and privi- 6 leges, and subject to all the duties provided by the 7 general laws of this state, relating to corporations, 8 with power by that name to sue and be sued, 9 to have and use a common seal, and the same 10 to change at pleasure; to establish any and all 11 by-laws and regulations, for the management of

12 their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this
13 state, and to do and perform any and all other
14 lawful acts incident to corporations of similar
15 character; and said company shall have the right
16 to locate and construct its lines upon and along
17 any public highway or bridge, or along and upon
18 the line of any railroad, but in such manner as not
19 to incommode or endanger the customary public
20 use thereof; and the company may cut down any
21 trees standing within the limits of any highway,
22 except ornamental or shade trees, when necessary
23 for the erection, use or safety of its lines.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized
2 to construct, maintain and operate telephone lines
3 throughout the length and breadth of this state,
4 with as many lines and branches as they may see
5 fit, commencing and terminating at such point or
6 points as they may select hereafter within the
7 limits aforesaid.

SECT. 3. The capital stock of said company shall
2 be of such an amount as they may, from time to
3 time, determine to be necessary for the exclusive
4 purpose of purchasing, constructing, maintaining
5 and operating telephone lines hereby authorized
6 and contemplated, and they may purchase, hold
7 and dispose of such personal and real estate as

8 may be necessary for that purpose, and shall have
9 power, by agreement with other persons, or bodies
10 corporate, to connect their lines with other tele-
11 phone or telegraph lines within or without the
12 state.

SECT. 4. Any two of the persons named in this
2 act of incorporation may call the first meeting of
3 the company, by giving written notice thereof to
4 each of their associates.

SECT. 5. This act may be accepted at any regu-
2 lar meeting of said association by a majority of the
3 members present, and shall take effect from and
4 after its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 20, 1880. }

Reported by Mr. STROUT, from Committee on Judiciary, and
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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*