

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 49.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Eastern Telegraph Com-
pany.

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

SECTION 1. J. S. Winslow, George P. Wescott,
2 James Bailey, Lewis Barker, Lewis Pierce, Fred-
3 erick Robie, J. L. H. Cobb, John T. Berry, A. F.
4 Crockett, J. R. Bodwell, G. S. C. Dow, J. P. Bass
5 and F. A. Wilson, their associates, successors and
6 assigns, are hereby created a body corporate by
7 the name of the Eastern Telegraph Company, with
8 all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the
9 duties provided by the general laws of this state,
10 relating to corporations, with power by that name
11 to sue and be sued, to have and use a common
12 seal and the same to change at pleasure; to estab-

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

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized
2 to construct, maintain and operate lines of tele-
3 graph between the eastern and western boundaries
4 of this state, with as many wires and branches as
5 they may see fit, commencing and terminating at
6 such point or points as they may select hereafter
7 within the limits aforesaid.

SECT. 3. The capital stock of said company shall be
2 of such an amount as they may from time to time
3 determine to be necessary for the exclusive purpose
4 of constructing, maintaining and operating the lines
5 of telegraph hereby authorized, and they may pur-

6 chase, hold and dispose of such personal and real
7 estate as may be necessary for that purpose.

SECT. 4. This company shall have power by
2 agreement with other persons or bodies corporate,
3 to connect their lines with other lines of telegraph
4 within and without the state; but no sale or trans-
5 fer of this charter shall be made to any other com-
6 pany without authority from the legislature of this
7 state.

SECT. 5. 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. And this act shall take
5 effect from and after its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 9, 1881. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*