

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 87.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Boothbay Telegraph
Company.

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

SECTION 1. Gilman A. Lowe, Isaiah Lewis,
2 Charles H. Fisher, their associates, successors and
3 assigns, are hereby created a body politic and cor-
4 porate, by the name of the Boothbay Telegraph
5 Company, with all the powers, rights and privi-
6 leges, and subject to all the duties and obligations
7 granted and prescribed by the general laws of this
8 state relating to corporations, with power by that
9 name to sue and plead, and have and use a com-
10 mon seal, which they may change at pleasure.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered
2 and authorized to own, construct, maintain and
3 operate from a central office, to be located in
4 Boothbay, in the county of Lincoln, a line or lines
5 of telegraph and line or lines of telephone to and
6 through the towns of Boothbay, Bristol, Southport
7 and Westport, all in said county of Lincoln, and
8 by cable under the water to the Squirrel Island,
9 Mouse Island, Capitol Island, and the other islands
10 in the vicinity of said towns.

SECT. 3. For the purposes of this act the said
2 company shall have, and is hereby granted the
3 power to erect and locate its lines along and upon
4 any way, public or private, and upon any bridge or
5 turnpike in either of said towns or islands; to con-
6 nect such islands with each other and with said
7 towns and the central office, by cable upon the sea
8 bottom under navigable or unnavigable waters;
9 with right and power to land said cable at the most
10 convenient place or places upon the shores of said
11 towns or islands, and to take and hold the right to
12 land said cable, and right of way to connect said
13 cable with the lines of said company; may cut
14 down trees—except shade and fruit and ornamen-
15 tal trees—and remove other obstacles when neces-

16 sary for the erection, use or safety of its lines and
17 cables; and may make and establish such rules,
18 by-laws and regulations for the protection of its
19 wires and cables, and for the management of its
20 affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this state, and
21 to do any and all lawful acts incident or necessary
22 to similar corporations, and to carry out the pur-
23 poses of its organization.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized
2 and empowered to connect its line or lines with
3 those of any other telegraph or telephone company
4 or corporation; may sell or lease its line or lines
5 or any part thereof, or its telegraph or telephone
6 property, either before or after its completion, to
7 any other telegraph, telephone or other company
8 or corporation, upon such terms as may be mutually
9 agreed upon, which sale or lease shall be binding
10 upon both parties thereto; or may purchase or
11 lease any other line or lines of telegraph or tele-
12 phone upon such terms and conditions as may be
13 mutually agreed upon.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said corporation
2 shall be of such amount as said corporation may
3 from time to time determine to be necessary for
4 the sole purpose of owning, constructing, main-

5 taining and operating the line or lines of telegraph
6 or telephone authorized or contemplated herein,
7 and said corporation may purchase, hold, sell and
8 convey all real and personal property, right or
9 rights of way, necessary for the purposes contem-
10 plated in this act of incorporation; and may estab-
11 lish and collect rates and tolls for service on its
12 lines.

SECT. 6. If the land of any individual or cor-
2 poration is taken under this act, and the parties
3 cannot agree on the damages occasioned thereby,
4 they shall be estimated, secured and paid in the
5 manner provided in case of land taken for rail-
6 roads.

SECT. 7. The first meeting of this corporation
2 may be called by any one of the persons named in
3 this act, by giving to the others interested, notice
4 of said meeting seven days prior to said meeting,
5 in said notice, naming the time, place and purposes
6 of said meeting. At such meeting officers may
7 be chosen, by-laws adopted, and other corporate
8 business transacted.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when ap-
2 proved.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 18, 1881. }

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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*