

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 114.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to give the New England Telephone and
Telegraph Company certain rights within the State
of Maine, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. The sale heretofore made by the
2 National Bell Telephone Company of the State of
3 Maine, a corporation established by chapter two
4 hundred and seventy-one of the acts of the year
5 1880, to the New England Telephone and
6 Telegraph Company, a corporation established
7 under the laws of New York, of all its property
8 and property rights, including rights of way, saving
9 and excepting its franchise to be a corporation, is
10 hereby ratified and confirmed.

SECT. 2. Said New England Telephone and Telegraph Company is hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate its telephone lines throughout the length and breadth of this State, with as many wires and branches as they may see fit, commencing and terminating at such point or points as they may select within the limits aforesaid, and they may purchase, hold and dispose of such personal and real estate as may be deemed necessary for that purpose, and shall have power, by agreement with other persons or bodies corporate, to connect their lines with other telephone companies.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have the right to erect and construct the posts, piers, abutments and other fixtures necessary to sustain the wires of its lines upon, along and across any public way, road, street or bridge, or along, upon and across the line of any railroad, and in such manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof, first having obtained consent of the municipal officers of any city or town where their lines are to be built, or of the officers of any railroad company on which their lines are to be built, and may cut down any trees standing within the limits of any such way, road or street, except orna-

14 mental, fruit or shade trees, when necessary for the
15 erection, use or safety of its lines.

SECT. 4. The municipal officers of a place in
2 which the said posts, piers, abutments and fixtures
3 are to be erected shall, on written application,
4 specify where the same may be located, and after
5 the erection thereof, having first given the company
6 an opportunity to be heard, after five days notice
7 they may direct any alteration in the said location.

SECT. 5. Said company may use such telegraphic
2 appliances as may be necessary or convenient for
3 the dispatch of their business.

SECT. 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed
2 to exempt said company or its charter from the
3 provisions of any acts already existing, or which
4 may hereafter be passed, regulating, amending, re-
5 stricting or repealing the rights or privileges of
6 telephone companies or the charters thereof.

SECT. 7. This act may be accepted at any legal
2 meeting of the directors of said corporation, by a
3 majority of the members present, and shall take
4 effect from and after its approval by the Governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 23, 1885. }

Reported by Mr. WESCOTT, from Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses, and laid on table to be printed under joint rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*