

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 117.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company of Maine.

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

SECTION 1. J. R. Bodwell, Fred Atwood,
2 Thomas W. Vose, Edward Swazey, their asso-
3 ciates, successors and assigns, are hereby created
4 a body corporate by the name of the Maine Tele-
5 phone Company, with all the rights and privileges
6 and subject to all the duties provided by the gen-
7 eral laws of this State relating to corporations,
8 with power by that name to sue and be sued and
9 to have and use a common seal and the same to
10 change at pleasure; to establish any and all by-
11 laws and regulations for the management of their

12 affairs not repugnant to the laws of this State, and
13 to do and perform any and all other legal and
14 lawful acts incident to similar corporations; and
15 said company shall have the right to locate and
16 construct its lines upon and along any public high-
17 way or bridge, or along or upon the line of any
18 railroad, first having obtained consent therefor of
19 the municipal officers of any city or town in which
20 it is proposed to construct said lines and the con-
21 sent of the officers of any railroad on which it is
22 proposed to build its line, between the eastern
23 and western boundaries of this State, and is here-
24 by authorized and empowered to carry on the bus-
25 iness of providing practical telephonic communi-
26 cation by usual and proper methods and in the
27 prosecution thereof to locate, construct, maintain
28 and operate acoustic, magnetic and electric tele-
29 phone lines and appurtenances, and license the
30 use of the same by others and acquire such rights
31 by lease or purchase from others throughout this
32 State, submarine, underground, upon, along and
33 over any and all public highways, bridges and
34 places, in such manner as not to endanger the
35 appropriate public use thereof, railroads canals,
36 and lands and buildings of any and all individuals,
37 societies and corporations with, first having ob-

38 tained consent therefor, as many lines and branches,
39 wires, posts and appurtenances, and terminating at
40 such points and places as said corporation may deem
41 necessary, and to remove trees and other obstacles,
42 except that fruit or ornamental trees shall not be
43 removed or defaced by trimming for said purposes,
44 and to connect by agreement with other telephone
45 lines within and without the State.

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

SECT. 3. This corporation is authorized to ex-
2 ercise its powers, carry on its business and do all
3 acts pertaining thereto in any other State or county
4 upon acquiring therefor all sanction and authority
5 necessary under the laws thereof.

SECT. 4. The damage for taking land under this
2 act, when the parties cannot agree, shall be esti-
3 mated, secured and paid as for land taken for
4 highways.

SECT. 5. Any two of the persons named in this
2 act of incorporation may call the first meet-
3 ing of the company by giving notice thereof to
4 each associate.

SECT. 6. This company may use such telegraphic
2 appliances as may be necessary or convenient for
3 the dispatch of their business.

SECT. 7. Nothing in this act shall be construed
2 to exempt such 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.

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.*