

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 181.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Sunderland Maine Telephone  
Company.

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

SECTION 1. J. Z. Westervelt, N. S. Gardiner, E. P.  
2 McGillicuddy, J. J. Lynch, their associates, successors  
3 and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate, by the  
4 name of the Sunderland Maine Telephone Company, of the  
5 State of Maine, with all the rights and privileges, and sub-  
6 ject to all the duties provided by the general laws of this  
7 State, relating to corporations, with power by that name  
8 to sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal, and  
9 the same to change at pleasure; to establish any and all

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

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to con-  
2 struct, maintain, operate, let or sell short distance telephone  
3 lines throughout the length and breadth of this State, the  
4 communicating power being vibration, and not electricity,  
5 with as many wires and branches as they may see fit, com-  
6 mencing and terminating at such point or points as they  
7 may select hereafter, within the limits aforesaid. Poles  
8 shall not be erected in cities.

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, not exceeding thirty thousand  
4 dollars, for the exclusive purpose of purchasing, con-  
5 structing, maintaining, letting or selling short distance  
6 telephone lines hereby authorized and contemplated, and  
7 they may purchase, hold and dispose of such personal and  
8 real estate, as may be necessary for that purpose not  
9 exceeding thirty thousand dollars, and shall have power,  
10 by agreement with other persons or bodies corporate to  
11 connect its lines with other telephone or telegraph lines,  
12 within or without the State.

SECT. 4. Nothing in this act shall authorize the Sunderland Maine Telephone Company to interfere with any existing rights or lines or prevent any other parties from building, maintaining and operating lines of telephone in any part of this State, pursuant to the laws thereof, except so far as controlled by patent rights.

SECT. 5. Any two of the persons named in this act of incorporation, may call the first meeting of the company, by giving written notice thereof to each of their associates.

SECT. 6. This act may be accepted at any regular meeting of said associates, by a majority of the members present, and shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 28, 1891. }

Tabled pending first reading, by Mr. HILL of Augusta, and ordered  
printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*