

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 167.

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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 Northern Maine Shaver Molecular Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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

SECT. 1. Charles F. Jones, George B. Safford, F. R. 2 Buck and E. C. Emery, their associates, successors and 3 assigns, are hereby created a body corporate, by name of 4 the Northern Maine Shaver Molecular Telephone and 5 Telegraph Company, with all the rights and privileges, 6 and subject to all the duties provided by the general laws 7 of this State, relating to corporations, with power by that 8 name to sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal, 9 and the same to change at pleasure ; to establish any and 10 all by-laws and regulations, for the management of their

11 affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State; to do and  
12 perform any and all other lawful acts incident to corpora-  
13 tions of similar character; and said company shall have  
14 the right to locate and construct its lines upon and along  
15 any public highway, bridge or private lands, or along and  
16 upon the line of any railroad, in, through and about all  
17 the towns and cities in Somerset and Franklin counties,  
18 but in such manner as not to incommode or endanger the  
19 customary public use thereof; and the company may cut  
20 down any trees standing within the limits of any highway,  
21 except ornamental, fruit or shade trees, when necessary  
22 for the erection, use or safety of its lines.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to con-  
2 struct, maintain and operate telephone and telegraph lines  
3 throughout the length and breadth of Somerset and Frank-  
4 lin counties, with as many wires and branches as they may  
5 see fit, commencing and terminating at such point, or points,  
6 as they may select hereafter, within the limits aforesaid,  
7 and subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and  
8 seventy-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and  
9 eighty-five, and with the power to establish and collect  
10 tolls on said line or lines.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized and  
2 empowered to connect its line or lines with those of any  
3 other telephone or telegraph company or corporation, or  
4 to sell or lease its line or lines of telephone and prop-  
5 erty, and telegraph and property, in whole or in part,  
6 either before or after completion, to any person or per-  
7 sons, or to any other telephone or telegraph company or  
8 corporation, upon such terms as may be agreed by the  
9 contracting parties, which sale or lease shall be binding

10 upon the parties; or may purchase or lease any other  
11 line or lines of telephone or telegraph upon such terms  
12 and conditions as may be agreed by the parties thereto.

SECT. 4. Any person or corporation purchasing from  
2 the corporation hereby created the right to use its tele-  
3 phones for any part or parts of the counties of Somerset  
4 or Franklin, is hereby invested with all the powers and  
5 privileges by this act conferred upon the Northern Maine  
6 Shave Molecular and Telegraph Company, subject to all  
7 the duties and liabilities hereby imposed in said part or  
8 parts of said counties of Somerset and Franklin, the said  
9 corporation is hereby authorized to assign and transfer so  
10 much of the franchise hereby granted as may be necessary  
11 for the purpose of this section.

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

SECT. 6. The capital stock of said company shall  
2 be of such an amount as they may, from time to  
3 time, determine to be necessary, not exceeding fifty  
4 thousand dollars, for the exclusive purpose of purchas-  
5 ing, constructing, maintaining and operating telephone  
6 and telegraph lines hereby authorized and contemplated,  
7 and they may purchase, hold and dispose of such personal  
8 and real estate, as may be necessary for that purpose, not  
9 exceeding fifty thousand dollars, and shall have power by  
10 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. 7. If the land of any individual or corporation  
2 is taken under this act, and the parties cannot agree on the

3 damages occasioned thereby, they shall be estimated,  
4 secured and paid in the manner provided in case of land  
5 taken for railroads.

SECT. 8. Any two of the corporators named in this act  
2 may call the first meeting of the corporation, by mailing a  
3 written notice, signed by both, to each of the other corpor-  
4 ators, seven days at least, before the day of the meeting,  
5 naming the time, place and purposes of such meeting, and  
6 at such meeting, by-laws may be adopted, present amount  
7 of capital stock fixed, and any corporate business transacted.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 6, 1891.

Reported by Mr. WALTON, from Committee on the Judiciary, and laid  
on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*