

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 69.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter three hundred and thirty-four of Private Laws of 1891, relating to An Act to incorporate the Oxford Central Telephone and Telegraph Company. Chapter three hundred and thirty-four, Private Laws of 1891, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: 'An Act to incorporate the Oxford Central Telephone and Telegraph Company.'

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

SECTION 1. Henry M. Bearce, George A. Wilson, John
2 P. Swasey, E. L. Tebbets, Waldo Pettingill, O. H. Her-
3 sey, A. E. Herrick, Loring R. Giles and George C Wing,
4 their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created
5 a body corporate, by the name of the Oxford Central Tele-

6 phone and Telegraph Company, with all the rights and
7 privileges, and subject to all the duties provided by the
8 general laws of this state relating to corporations, with
9 power by that name to carry on the business of practical
10 telephonic and telegraphic communication, within the ter-
11 ritory hereinafter described, by proper methods; and in
12 the prosecution of said business, to locate, construct,
13 maintain and operate, molecular, acoustic, magnetic and
14 electric, telephone and telegraph lines; to sue and be
15 sued, to have a common seal, to pass by-laws and regula-
16 tions for the management of their affairs, not inconsistent
17 with the laws of the state of Maine, to do and perform
18 any and all other lawful acts incident to corporations of a
19 similar character. Said company shall have the right to
20 locate and construct its lines upon and along any public
21 highway, bridge or private land, or along and upon the
22 line of any railroad, and carry on said business in, through
23 and about, all the towns in Oxford, Androscoggin, Cum-
24 berland and Franklin counties in such manner as not to
25 incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof;
26 and the company may cut down any trees standing within
27 the limits of any highway except ornamental, fruit or shade
28 trees, when necessary for the erection, use or safety, of its
29 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 Oxford. Androscog-
4 gin, Cumberland and Franklin counties with as many
5 wires and branches as they may see fit, commencing and
6 terminating at such point or points, as they may select
7 hereafter, within the limits aforesaid, and subject to the

8 provisions of chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of
9 the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and
10 with the power to establish and collect tolls.

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, to
4 sell or lease its line or lines and other property in whole
5 or in part, either before or after completion, to any per-
6 son or persons, or to any other telephone or telegraph
7 company or corporation, upon such terms as may be
8 agreed upon by the contracting parties; and may purchase
9 or lease any other line or lines of telephone or telegraph
10 upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon
11 by the parties thereto.

SECT. 4. Any person or corporation purchasing from
2 the corporation hereby created, the right to use its
3 telephone for any part or parts of the counties of Oxford,
4 Andro-coggin, Cumberland and Franklin is hereby in-
5 vested with all the powers and privileges by this act
6 conferred upon the Oxford Central Telephone and Tele-
7 graph Company, subject to all duties and liabilities hereby
8 imposed in said part or parts of said counties of Oxford,
9 Androscoggin, Cumberland and Franklin, and the said
10 corporation is hereby authorized to assign and transfer so
11 much of the franchise hereby granted, as may be necessary
12 for the purpose of this action.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall have the right to erect
2 and construct the posts, piers, abutments and other
3 fixtures necessary, to sustain the wires of its lines upon,
4 along and across any public way, road, street, bridge or
5 private land, or along, upon and across the line of any
6 railroad, in such manner as not to incommode or endanger

7 the customary public use thereof; first having obtained
8 the consent of the municipal officers of any city or town
9 where these lines are to be built, and subject to the
10 provisions of chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of
11 the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

SECT. 6. The municipal officers of a place in which the
2 said posts, piers, abutments and fixtures, are to be erected
3 shall, on written application, specify where the same may
4 be located.

SECT. 7. The capital stock of said company shall be of
2 such an amount as the stockholders may determine, not
3 exceeding fifty thousand dollars; and it may purchase, hold
4 and dispose of such real and personal estate, as may be
5 necessary for the corporate purposes, not exceeding fifty
6 thousand dollars, and shall have power by agreement with
7 other persons or bodies corporate, to connect its lines with
8 other telephone or telegraph line, within or without the
9 state.

SECT. 8. 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. 9. Any one of the incorporators named in this
2 act, may call the first meeting of the corporation, for
3 organization, by mailing a written notice signed by him, to
4 each of the other incorporators, seven days at least before
5 the day of the meeting, naming the time, place and pur-
6 poses of such meeting; and at such meeting by-laws may
7 be adopted, the amount of capital stock fixed and any other
8 corporate business transacted.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 8, 1895.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.