

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 364.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake
Telegraph and Telephone Company.

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

Section 1. Alfred Lenox, Richard T. Rundlett, William
2 G. Hubbard, Joseph P. Tucker, Alfred H. Lenox, Clarence
3 A. Peaslee, William D. Patterson and Albert M. Card, and
4 Jose White, their associates, successors and assigns are
5 hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Wiscas-
6 set and Mosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Com-
7 pany with all the rights, powers and privileges and subject
8 to all the duties and liabilities provided by the general laws
9 of this State relating to corporations, with power by that
10 name to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, to estab-

lish all by-laws and regulations for the management of its affairs not repugnant to the laws of this State and to do and perform any and all other legal acts, incident to similar corporations. Said corporation shall have the right to locate, construct, own, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines from some convenient point in the town of Wiscasset through the towns of Alna, Whitefield, Windsor, China, Albion, Burnham, Pittsfield and Hartland and from there by the most feasible and advantageous route to Moosehead lake.

Sect. 2. Said company shall have the right within the limits aforesaid to locate, construct, maintain and operate its lines of telegraph and telephone upon and along any public highway, bridge, or upon the line of any railroad, first having obtained the consent therefor, of the municipal officers of any town where it is proposed to construct said lines, and of the officers of any railroad company over which the same are to be built, but in such a manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary use of such way, bridge, or railroad, with the right to cut down trees and remove obstacles where necessary within the limits aforesaid, except ornamental, fruit or shade trees, and with the power to establish and collect tolls on said lines.

Sect. 3. The company is hereby authorized to take, purchase, hold and dispose of such real estate and personal property as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and in case of real estate taken, the damages therefor, when the parties cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid, as in case of land taken for highways.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to carry on the business of practical telegraphic and telephonic con-

3 nection, by the use of any proper telegraph or telephone
4 appliances or inventions, and may attach its wires or any
5 appliances to buildings or trees, provided, that the owners
6 of such buildings or trees shall first give their consent
7 thereto.

Sect. 5. The capitad stock of such corporation shall be
2 such an amount as said corporation may from time to time
3 deem necessary for all the purposes contemplated by their
4 act, the same to be fixed by a vote of said corporation.

Sect. 6. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the con-
2 struction and operation of its lines and the conduct of its
3 business for such amount and on such time and rates of
4 interest as said corporation may determine, and may secure
5 the same by a mortgage of its franchises and property, pres-
6 ent and prospective.

Sect. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized and
2 empowered to connect its lines with the lines of any other
3 telegraph or telephone company by contract with said com-
4 pany, or to lease or sell its own lines at any time.

Sect. 8. Any one of the corporators named in this act,
2 may call the first meeting of this company, by mailing or
3 giving in hand a written notice to each of the other cor-
4 porators, seven days at least before the day of said meeting,
5 naming the time, place and purposes of such meeting, and
6 at such meeting, if a majority of said corporators shall be
7 present, a president, secretary, treasurer and directors may
8 be chosen, by-laws adopted, and any other corporate busi-
9 ness transacted.

Sect. 9. It is a condition of this charter that this company
2 shall not run its wires or locate its poles in any territory
3 already occupied by another telephone company, or paral-

4 tell by its wires those of any other company doing business
5 under the laws of this State.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
March 23, 1897.

Reported by Mr. SPEAR of Rockland, from Committee on Railroads,
Telegraphs and Expresses, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.