

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 45.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend chapter 204 of the Private and Special  
Laws of 1895, relating to the Vinal Haven Telegraph and  
Telephone Company.

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

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 207 of the Private and  
2 Special Laws of 1895 is hereby amended by striking out of  
3 said section the names of "E. P. Walker" and "J. P. Arm-  
4 burst."

Sect. 2. Section 2 of said act is hereby amended by strik-  
2 ing out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following:

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to construct, own, maintain and operate lines of telegraph and telephone between Vinal Haven and any or all of the islands in Penobscot bay and the city of Rockland in Knox county, or any of the other cities or towns on the main land, and to maintain and operate said lines in and through said islands and said cities and towns upon all the streets and ways thereof, and to lay cables under tide waters, but in such manner as not to incommode, obstruct or endanger the customary public use thereof. In order to connect with said cables and to establish connections between said islands and the city of Rockland, and other towns, the said company is hereby authorized to erect poles and to stretch wires upon them, and to build, maintain, and operate its lines upon or along any public highway, railroad bridge, or private land that it may hereafter find necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes aforesaid, and it may lay pipes or other conduits beneath the surface of any street or highway for the purpose of placing its wires under ground, but in such manner as not to unnecessarily incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof, first having obtained consent therefore of the municipal officers of any city or town in which it is to operate or to construct said line and the consent of the officers of any railroad on which it is proposed to build its lines; with the right to cut down trees and remove obstructions when necessary, within the limits aforesaid, excepting ornamental, fruit, and shade trees; and with the power to collect tolls on such line or lines.'

Sect. 3. Section 3 is hereby amended by striking out all  
2 of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Section 3. If the land of any individual or corporation  
4 is taken under this act, and the parties cannot agree on the  
5 damage occasioned thereby, it shall be taken and damages  
6 estimated, secured and paid in the manner provided in the  
7 case of land taken for railroads.’

Sect. 5. Section 5 is hereby amended by striking out all  
2 of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

‘Section 5. The capital stock of the company shall be  
4 fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars, but the corporation may  
5 hereafter from time to time increase the same by a majority  
6 vote of the stockholders, whenever it shall be deemed neces-  
7 sary, and the said corporation may purchase, hold, sell, lease  
8 and convey all real and personal property necessary for the  
9 purposes contemplated in this act.’

Sect. 6. Said chapter is hereby amended by adding there-  
2 to the following section:

‘Sect.8 . The time for the organization and the com-  
4 mencement of actual business under this charter is extended  
5 for the term of two years from the date when this act takes  
6 effect.’

Sect. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 4, 1897.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*