

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 109

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to incorporate the Forest Telegraph and Telephone
Company.

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

Section 1. Lemuel Brehaut, M. J. Brehaut, Wilfred L.
2 Eaton, Frederick W. Hinckley, Albert A. Williams, Charles
3 A. Rolfe, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby
4 created a body politic by the name of the Forest Telegraph
5 and Telephone Company, with all the rights, privileges, and
6 powers, and subject to all the duties, and obligations, granted
7 and prescribed by the general laws of this State relating to
8 corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to construct, own, maintain and operate lines of telegraph and telephone throughout the counties of Washington, Hancock, Penobscot and Aroostook, and within and between any or all of the cities, towns and islands of said counties, and in any part or parts of said counties, commencing and terminating at such points as they may determine, and to all things that may be necessary or convenient therefor; to erect poles and lay pipes, or other conduits for the supporting and containing such wires and cables as it may determine upon, along, across, within or under any street, highway, public way, bridge, line of railroad or private land; to stretch wires and cables over or lay them under tide water all in such manner as not unnecessarily incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof; first having obtained therefor, the consent required by law of the municipal officers in case of streets, highways, or public ways, and the consent of the directors of any railroad along the right of way of which the same shall pass; and to collect tolls and rentals for the use thereof and the right to cut down trees, except ornamental trees and shade trees and to remove obstructions when necessary.

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

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to connect its line or lines with those of any other telegraph or telephone company, corporation or individual, or to sell or lease its line or lines of telegraph, or telephone together with property rights and franchises, either before or after completion, to any other telegraph or telephone company, corporation or individual, upon such terms

8 as may be mutually agreed upon, which sale or lease shall
9 be binding upon the parties; or may purchase or lease any
10 other lines or line of telegraph or telephone upon such terms
11 and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

Sect. 5. The capital stock of the company shall be fifty
2 thousand dollars but the corporation may hereafter from time
3 to time increase or decrease the same by a majority vote of
4 the stockholders whenever it shall be deemed necessary or for
5 the best interests of the company. The maximum amount
6 of capital stock shall not exceed five hundred thousand dol-
7 lars. 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 corporation is hereby authorized and
2 empowered to issue its bonds in such amounts at such times
3 and on such rates as it may from time to time determine, and
4 secure the same by a mortgage of its property and franchises.

Sect. 7. Any two of the corporations named in this act
2 may call a first meeting of the corporation at any time within
3 one year from the date of the approval of this act, by mailing
4 a written notice signed by both, postage paid, to each of the
5 other corporators, seven days at least before the day of the
6 meeting, naming the time, place and purposes of such meet-
7 ing and at such meeting a president, clerk, treasurer and
8 directors may be chosen, by-laws adopted and any corporate
9 business transacted.

Sect. 8. This act is not to interfere with or infringe upon
2 the rights in Penobscot county of the Chamberlain Lake
3 Telephone and Telegraph Company organized under the
4 general law prior to this act.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 12, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*