

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 277

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Wells Telephone Company.

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

Section 1. George G. Hatch, Joseph D. Eaton, Freeman E.  
2 Rankin, John Rankin, George H. Littlefield and Joseph H.  
3 Littlefield, their associates and successors are hereby created  
4 a corporation by the name of the Wells Telephone Company,  
5 with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to all  
6 the duties and obligations of similar corporations under the  
7 general laws of this state.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to construct,  
2 own, maintain and operate telephone line or lines anywhere  
3 in the towns of Wells, York and North Berwick, in the  
4 county of York and state of Maine, having obtained consent  
5 of the several municipalities, and said company shall have a  
6 right to locate and construct its lines upon and along any

7 public highway or bridge in said towns, but in such a man-  
8 ner as not to incommode or endanger the customary public  
9 use thereof.

Sect. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized and em-  
2 powered to connect its line or lines with those of any other  
3 telephone company or corporation on such terms as may be  
4 agreed upon, or to sell or lease its line or lines of telephone  
5 and property in whole or part, either before or after comple-  
6 tion to any other telephone company or corporation, as pro-  
7 vided by law or upon such terms as may be agreed by the con-  
8 tracting parties, which sale or lease shall be binding upon  
9 the parties; or may purchase or lease any other line or lines  
10 of telephone upon such terms and conditions as may be  
11 agreed by the parties thereto.

Sect. 4. If the land of any individual or corporation is taken  
2 under this act, and the parties cannot agree on the damages  
3 occasioned thereby, they shall be estimated, secured and paid  
4 in the manner provided in case of land taken for railroads.

Sect. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be of  
2 such amount as said corporation may, from time to time  
3 determine to be necessary, but not exceeding the sum of one  
4 hundred thousand dollars, for the sole purpose of owning,  
5 leasing, constructing, maintaining and operating the line or  
6 lines of telephone hereby authorized and contemplated. And  
7 the said corporation may purchase, hold, lease, sell and con-  
8 vey all real estate and personal property necessary for the  
9 purposes contemplated in this charter.

Sect. 6. Any one of the incorporators named in this act  
2 may call the first meeting of the corporation by mailing a  
3 written notice signed by himself, postage paid, to each of the  
4 other corporators, seven days at least before the day of the  
5 meeting, naming the time, place and purposes of such meet-  
6 ing, and at such meeting a president, secretary, treasurer

7 and directors may be chosen, by-laws adopted, present  
8 amount of capital stock fixed, and any corporate business  
9 transacted.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 6, 1903.

Reported by Mr. KELLEY of Lewiston, from Committee on Legal  
Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*