

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 247

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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 Patten 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. James McNulty, Fred W. Ayer, Nathaniel M.  
2 Jones, Halbert P. Gardiner and George G. Weeks, their asso-  
3 ciates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body cor-  
4 porate by the name of the Patten Telegraph and Telephone  
5 Company, with all the rights, powers and privileges and sub-  
6 ject to all the duties and liabilities provided by the general  
7 laws of this State relating to similar corporations, with power  
8 by that name to sue and be sued, to have, own, sell, real estate  
9 and personal property, to establish all by-laws and regulations  
10 for the management of its affairs not repugnant to the laws  
11 of this State, and to do and perform any and all other acts  
12 legal and incident to similar corporations. The said corpo-

13 ration shall have the right to locate, construct, to own, main-  
14 tain and operate telegraph and telephone lines from some  
15 convenient point in the town of Sherman, through the towns  
16 of Stacyville and Patten, and from there by the most feasible  
17 and advantageous routes to Eagle lake, Grand lake and  
18 Moosehead lake, and from its main line to any lumber or  
19 sporting camp in unincorporated places.

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

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

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to carry on  
2 the business of practical telegraphic and telephonic connec-  
3 tions by the use of any proper telegraph or telephone appli-  
4 ances or inventions, and may attach its wires or any appliances  
5 to buildings or trees, provided that the owners of such build-  
6 ings or trees shall first give their consent.

Sect. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be such  
2 an amount as said corporation may from time to time deem

3 necessary for all the purposes contemplated by their act, the  
4 same to be fixed by vote of said corporation.

Sect. 6. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the con-  
2 struction and operation of its lines and conduct of its busi-  
3 ness for such amount not exceeding the amount of capital  
4 stock, and on such time and rates of interest as said corpora-  
5 tion may determine, and may secure the same by a mortgage  
6 of its franchise and property.

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

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

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

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 19, 1903.

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

KENDALL, M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*