

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 52

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Island Telephone Company.

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

Section 1. Thomas S. Tapley, Guy H. Parker, Lewis S. 2 Springer and Frank McMullan, all of Tremont, Hancock 3 county, Maine, and George A. Neal and William J. Tower, 4 both of Southwest Harbor, said county, their associates, suc-5 cessors, assigns, are hereby created a body corporate, by the 6 name of The Island Telephone Company, with all the rights, 7 powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and obli-8 gations of similar corporations organized under the general 9 laws of this state in addition to the rights herein granted.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to construct, 2 own, maintain and operate a line or lines of telephone in and

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3 through the towns of Southwest Harbor and Tremont in said 4 county of Hancock and within the limits of the towns afore-5 said, and from any point in the said town of Southwest Har-6 bor across Western Way, so-called, or the waters lying 7 between said town of Southwest Harbor and Great Cran-8 berry Isle, and in and through Great Cranberry Isle and from 9 any point in Great Cranberry Isle across the waters lying 10 between said Great Cranberry Isle and Little Cranberry Isle 11 to any point in Little Cranberry Isle, in and through said 12 Little Cranberry Isle, both of said isles, Great Cranberry 13 Isle and Little Cranberry Isle being in the town of Cranberry 14 Isles, in said county of Hancock, and within the limits of all 15 of the towns aforesaid; to locate, construct and maintain its 16 lines upon and along any public way, railroad, bridge or 17 private land and across or under tide wtaers with all neces-18 sary erections and fixtures therefor, notwithstanding other 10 persons or corporations may have legal permit for similar 20 purposes, and locations, pipes, lines, wires and poles, in said 21 public ways or across said railroad, bridge or private land, 22 but in such manner as not to discommode or endanger the 23 customary public use of any such way, right or bridge, or 24 to interrupt navigation, with the right to cut down trees and 25 remove obstacles when necessary within the limits aforesaid, 26 excepting ornamental, fruit or shade trees, with power to 27 establish and collect tolls on said lines.

Sect. 3. If the land of any individual or corporation is 2 taken under this Act and the parties cannot agree to the dam-

3 ages occasioned thereby, they shall be estimated, secured, 4 determined and paid as in the case of land taken for railroads.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to connect 2 its line or lines with those of any other Company, or to sell 3 or lease its lines, either before or after completion, to any 4 other telephone or telegraph company, upon such terms as 5 may be mutually agreed upon, which sale or lease shall be 6 binding upon the parties; or to purchase or lease any other 7 line or lines of telephone or telegraph, upon such terms and 8 conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

Sect. 5. The capital stock of said corporation shall be of 2 such amount as said corporation, by vote of its stockholders, 3 may, from time to time, deem necessary, but not exceeding 4 ten thousand dollars (10,000), for the sole purpose of own-5 ing, leasing, constructing, maintaining and operating the line 6 or lines of telephone thereby authorized. And said corpora-7 tion may purchase, hold, lease, sell and convey real estate 8 and personal property necessary and incidental to the pur-9 poses contemplated in this charter, and may issue its coupon 10 or register bonds as provided for telegraph and telephone 11 companies organized under the general law.

Sect. 6. Any one of the corporators named in this Act 2 may call the first meeting of this corporation by mailing a 3 written notice to each of the other corporators, postpaid, 4 addressed to him at his usual place of business or residence, 5 seven days at least before the date of the meeting, naming the 6 time, place and purpose of such meeting; and at such meet-

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7 ing a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors, a Clerk and
8 other necessary officers may be chosen, By-Laws adopted,
9 which shall provide for the calling of other meetings after
10 such first meeting, and any corporate business transacted.

This Act shall take effect when approved.

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IN SENATE, January 31, 1907.

~ Reported by Mr. RICE from Committee on Telegraphs and Telephones and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, Secretary.