

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 716

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize cities and towns to establish and main-
tain telephone lines.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Any city in this State by a majority vote of its
2 city council, or any town by a majority vote of the inhabi-
3 tants thereof may establish, construct, own and operate with-
4 in its limits, telephone line or lines, or may purchase and
5 operate any telephone line or lines already established with-
6 in its limits with the right to exercise all powers in relation
7 to said business which are now granted by statute to any
8 telephone company operated by individuals or by a corpora-
9 tion, together with the right to connect its line or lines so

10 constructed or purchased with the line or lines owned or
11 operated by any other telephone company. Said cities or
12 towns may charge for and collect reasonable tolls and rentals
13 for the use of its line or lines together with reasonable
14 charges for rental of telephone instruments or apparatus or
15 for connection made by any subscriber with any of its line or
16 lines.

Sect. 2. For the purpose of establishing, constructing, re-
2 pairing, renewing or extending any line or lines or for any
3 other necessary expenditure relating to the business herein
4 provided for cities and towns are hereby authorized to raise
5 money by taxation as is raised for other public purposes.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 19, 1909.

Reported by Mr. PINKHAM from Committee on Tele-
graphs and Telephones and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*