

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 116

In Senate, February 17, 1911.

*Laid on table for printing with amendment "A" on motion
of Mr. Noyes of Kennebec.*

W. C. HANSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Taxation of Telegraph Companies.

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" TO HOUSE BILL NO. 146.

After the title and before the enacting clause insert the
following paragraph:

'Whereas this act involves the raising of revenue for the
State of Maine and whereas the tax assessed under it must be
assessed prior to May first next and

Whereas, by reason of the facts, in the opinion of the leg-
islature, the immediate passage of this act is rendered necessary
and constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the con-
stitution, now therefore,'

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

Section 1. Every corporation, association or person oper-
2 ating in whole or in part a telegraph line within this state

3 shall annually pay into the state treasury a tax of two and
4 one-half per cent on the value of any telegraph line owned
5 by said corporation, association or person within the state,
6 including all polls, insulators, office furniture, batteries and
7 instruments, taking into consideration any circumstances or
8 conditions affecting the value of the property.

Sect. 2. Said tax shall be paid into the state treasury on
2 or before the first day of September annually and is in place
3 of all state or municipal taxation on any of the property or
4 shares of said corporations or associations.

Sect. 3. Every such corporation, company or person shall
2 annually on or before the fifteenth day of April return to
3 the secretary of state under oath of its superintendent the
4 amount and value of all of the property enumerated herein,
5 owned by it within the state on the first day of April and
6 the state assessors shall determine said values and assess
7 said tax thereon by the first day of May annually. The
8 secretary of state shall thereupon certify said assessment
9 to the treasurer of the state who shall forthwith notify the
10 parties assessed.

Sect. 4. Any corporation, association or person neglecting
2 to make the returns required by the preceding section for-
3 feits twenty-five dollars for every day's neglect, to be re-
4 covered by an act or debt in the name of the state.

Sect. 5. All laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this
2 act are hereby repealed.