

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 140

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*In Senate, Feb. 27, 1911.*

*Reported by Mr. Irving from Committee on Taxation and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. C. HANSON, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section thirty-seven of Chapter eight of the Revised Statutes relating to the taxation of telephone and telegraph Companies. Whereas the tax assessed under this act must be assessed on or before the first day of May next and whereas in the opinion of the Legislature this fact renders the immediate passage of this act necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety and constitutes an emergency within the meaning of the constitution, now therefore,

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

Section 1. Section thirty-seven of chapter eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word  
2 "twenty-five" in the twelfth line of said section and inserting  
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4 in its place the word 'twenty;' also by striking out the word  
5 "twenty-five" in the fourteenth line and inserting in its place  
6 the word 'twenty;' also by striking out the word "fifty" in the  
7 fifteenth line of said section and inserting in its place the  
8 word 'forty;' also by striking out the word "twenty-five" in  
9 the seventeenth line and inserting in its place the word  
10 'twenty;' also by striking out the word "four" in the nine-  
11 teenth line and inserting the word 'six' so that said section  
12 when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 37. The amount of such annual excise tax shall be  
14 ascertained as follows: When the gross receipts of such  
15 corporation, association or person collected within this state  
16 on account of its telephone or telegraph business during the  
17 year for which the tax is assessed on such corporation, asso-  
18 ciation or person exceed one thousand dollars and do not ex-  
19 ceed five thousand dollars, the tax shall be one and one-  
20 fourth per cent of such gross receipts; when such gross re-  
21 ceipts exceed five thousand dollars and do not exceed ten  
22 thousand dollars the tax shall be one and one-half per cent  
23 of such gross receipts; when such gross receipts exceed ten  
24 thousand dollars and do not exceed twenty thousand dollars  
25 the tax shall be one and three-fourths per cent of such gross  
26 receipts; when such gross receipts exceed twenty thousand  
27 dollars and do not exceed forty thousand dollars the tax shall  
28 be two per cent of such gross receipts; and so on increasing  
29 the rate of tax one-quarter of one per cent for each addi-  
30 tional twenty thousand dollars or fractional part thereof, of  
31 such gross receipts, provided that the rate shall in no event  
32 exceed six per cent of such gross receipts.'