

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 931

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*House of Representatives, March 25, 1915.*

*Reported by Mr. Conners from Committee on Judiciary, and  
ordered printed under joint rules.*

*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT amendatory of Section 27 of Chapter 129 of the  
Public Laws of 1913 relating to corporations for the opera-  
tion of telegraphs or telephones and other public utilities.

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

Section 27 of chapter 129 of the public laws of 1913 is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

3 Provided, however, that any corporation authorized to  
4 make, generate, sell, distribute and supply electricity may  
5 sell and distribute electricity to any other corporation simi-  
6 larly authorized, and may sell and distribute electricity to  
7 any street railroad company.

Any corporation organized under the provisions of sections

9 5 to 10 inclusive of chapter 47, shall have authority to extend  
10 its lines to connect with the feed lines of a corporation gen-  
11 erating and selling electricity, and such corporation shall be  
12 obliged to furnish electricity if requested to the extent of its  
13 reasonable capacity and at reasonable rates, provided the  
14 public utilities commission shall so order upon application  
15 therefor, after public hearing of all parties interested, and  
16 said commission shall be authorized to fix such terms and  
17 conditions as shall safeguard the rights and interests of both  
18 the generating company and the distributing company.

Petition for such public hearing may be made by ten indi-  
20 viduals who contemplate the organization of a corporation  
21 as above provided and the commission may hold its hearing  
22 thereon and make its order and if the petitioners organize a  
23 corporation and begin business within one year said order  
24 shall be operative and effective to give authority to said cor-  
25 poration.'

So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 27. Section one of chapter fifty-five of the revised  
28 statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Corporations for the operation of telegraphs  
30 or telephones, and corporations for the operation of both  
31 telegraphs and telephones, and corporations for the purpose  
32 of making, generating, selling, distributing and supplying  
33 gas or electricity or both for lighting, heating, manufactur-  
34 ing or mechanical purposes, in any city or town, or two or  
35 more adjoining cities or towns within the state, or for either

36 or any of such purposes, may be organized under the pro-  
37 visions of sections five to ten inclusive of chapter forty-seven,  
38 but no corporation so organized, person or association shall  
39 have authority, without the consent of said public utilities  
40 commission, to furnish its service in or to any city or town  
41 in or to which another corporation, person or association is  
42 furnishing or is authorized to furnish a similar service.

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