

SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 378

House of Representatives, Feb. 22, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Taxation and one thousand copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Barnes of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 9, Section 38, of the Revised Statutes of 1916 relating to computation of tax of telephone and telegraph companies.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: Chapter 9, Section 38, of the Revised Statutes of 1916, 2 is hereby amended by striking out the words "one and one-3 half" in the eighth line of said section and inserting in 4 place therefor the word 'two'; by striking outt he words 5 "one and three-fourths" in the tenth line and inserting in 6 place therefor the words 'two and one-half'; by striking

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7 out the word "two" in the thirteenth line and inserting in 8 place therefor the word 'three'; and by striking out the 9 word "six" in the sixteenth line and inserting in place there-10 for, the word 'seven,' so that said section, as amended, shall 11 read as follows:

'The amount of such annual excise tax shall be ascer-2 tained as follows: When the gross receipts of such cor-3 poration, association or person collected within this state 4 on account of its telephone or telegraph business during 5 the year for which the tax is assessed upon such corpo-6 ration, association or person exceed one thousand dollars 7 and do not exceed five thousand dollars, the tax shall be 8 one and one-fourth per cent of such gross receipts; when 9 such gross receipts exceed five thousand dollars and do not 10 exceed ten thousand dollars the tax shall be two per cent 11 of such gross receipts; when such gross receipts exceed 12 ten thousand dollars and do not exceed twenty thousand 13 dollars, the tax shall be two and one-half per cent of such 14 gross receipts; when such gross receipts exceed twenty 15 thousand dollars and do not exceed forty thousand dollars, 16 the tax shall be three per cent of such gross receipts; and 17 so on, increasing the rate of tax one-quarter of one per 18 cent for each additional twenty thousand dollars or frac-10 tional part thereof, of such gross receipts, provided that 20 the rate shall in no event exceed seven per cent of such 21 gross receipts.'

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