

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 69

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*In Senate, Feb. 1, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Deering of York.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section Seventeen of Chapter Sixty of the Revised Statutes of Nineteen Hundred Sixteen relating to Gas and Electric Companies.

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

Section Seventeen of Chapter Sixty of the Revised Statutes of Nineteen Hundred Sixteen is hereby amended by inserting after the word "line" in the first line thereof, the words 'and every corporation operating a gas or electric company for the transmission of heat, light and power' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Every corporation operating a telegraph or telephone line

2 and every corporation operating a gas or electric company  
3 for the transmission of heat, light and power in the state  
4 may connect its line or lines with those of any other like  
5 corporation, and may sell or lease its lines and property,  
6 in whole or in part, to any other like corporation, and may  
7 purchase or lease the line, or lines, and property, in whole  
8 or in part, of any like corporation, upon such terms as  
9 may be agreed upon by the contracting parties, subject,  
10 however, to the control of the public utilities commission;  
11 and may purchase, or take and hold as for public uses,  
12 land necessary for the construction and operation of its  
13 lines. Land may be so taken and damages therefor may  
14 be estimated, secured, determined and paid as in cases of  
15 railroads.'