

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 347

House of Representatives, March 7, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Wilson from Committee on Public Utilities
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for the Removal of Electric Wires and
Poles when Necessary for the Repair of Streets or Removal
of Buildings.

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

Section thirty-one of chapter sixty of the revised statutes
2 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place
3 thereof:

'Sect. 31. Wires may be cut and poles removed to allow
2 removal of buildings or repair of streets, R. S. c. 55, sect.
3 19. Whoever desires to cut, disconnect or remove the
4 wires or poles of a telegraph, telephone, electric light or
5 street railroad company in order to move a building, alter,

6 repair or improve a street, bridge or way, or for any other
7 necessary purpose; shall first apply in writing to the mu-
8 nicipal officers of the towns or cities in and through which
9 it is proposed to move. Whenever such an application is
10 received the municipal officers shall fix a time and place
11 for hearing and give reasonable notice thereof including
12 actual notice to any utility whose service is likely to be
13 interrupted or property interfered with. Upon hearing the
14 municipal officers may grant a permit on such terms and
15 conditions and make such apportionment of the expense
16 as they deem best. Whoever disconnects or removes such
17 wires or poles or moves any building without first obtain-
18 ing such permit, shall be fined not exceeding five hundred
19 dollars, or imprisoned not more than three years.'