

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 124

In Senate, March 15, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Baxter from Committee on Banks and Banking and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Incorporate the Telephone Workers' Credit Union
of Maine.

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

Section 1. Corporators, name and purposes. Leon Weir,
2 Fred J. McLaugh and Lester C. Ayer, all of Portland, E.
3 K. Bly of Lewiston and Fred C. Scribner, of Bangor, their
4 associates and successors are hereby created a body cor-
5 porate under the name of Telephone Workers' Credit Union
6 of Maine, for the purpose of receiving deposits from its
7 shareholders and lending to its shareholders or investing
8 such deposits and the amounts paid for shares of its capital
9 stock; and by that name may sue and be sued; may have

10 a common seal, adopt by-laws and regulations for the man-
11 agement of its affairs not repugnant to this charter and
12 the laws of this state; and may purchase, hold and convey
13 all such property, real and personal, as may be deemed neces-
14 sary for the use or accommodation of the business of the
15 company, and generally do and perform any and all legal
16 acts incident to similar corporations.

Sect. 2. Location. The company shall be located in, and
2 its principal office shall be in, Portland in the county of
3 Cumberland and State of Maine. There may be also agen-
4 cies in such other places within the state as the bank com-
5 missioner may approve and the board of directors may de-
6 termine.

Sect. 3. Shareholders. Capital stock. The capital stock
2 shall be one hundred thousand dollars. No person, unless
3 employed in the telephone business, shall become or con-
4 tinue to be a shareholder and the by-laws of the corpora-
5 tion shall, subject to the approval of the bank commissioner,
6 contain provisions to carry into effect this section. Shares
7 of capital stock may be subscribed and paid for in such
8 manner as the by-laws may prescribe except that the par
9 value of shares shall not exceed five dollars. No person
10 shall own more than five hundred shares.

Sect. 4. Officers; how chosen, tenure, duties, etc. All
2 the corporate powers of this corporation shall be exercised
3 by a board of directors, who shall be shareholders and a
4 majority of whom shall be residents of this state and who
5 shall be elected by the shareholders. Their number and

6 term of office shall be determined at the first meeting held
7 by the incorporators and at each annual meeting thereafter
8 by a vote of the shareholders, unless otherwise provided by
9 the by-laws of the corporation. Said board of directors
10 may choose a president and vice-presidents, a treasurer, a
11 clerk and such other officers, agents and committees as from
12 time to time shall be required by the by-laws of said cor-
13 poration, or as are authorized by the board of directors and
14 for such terms and with such qualifications, powers and
15 duties as shall be provided by the by-laws of this corpora-
16 tion or by vote of said directors not inconsistent therewith.
17 The directors of said corporation shall hold their office un-
18 til others are elected and qualified in their stead. If a di-
19 rector dies, resigns, or becomes disqualified for any cause,
20 the remaining directors may fill said vacancy until the next
21 annual meeting of the corporation.

Sect. 5. By-laws. This corporation shall not receive de-
2 posits or payments on account of shares or make any loan
3 or investments until its by-laws have been approved in writ-
4 ing by the bank commissioner, nor shall any amendment to
5 its by-laws become operative until they have been so ap-
6 proved.

Sect. 6. Deposits. Loans. Investments. Deposits shall
2 not be received except from shareholders and the total de-
3 posits of any shareholder shall not exceed twenty-five hun-
4 dred dollars. Deposits of shareholders and payments for
5 capital stock may be loaned to shareholders in the manner

6 provided by the by-laws of the corporation, or deposited in
7 savings banks and trust companies, incorporated under the
8 laws of this state, or in national banks doing business in
9 this state, or invested in securities legal for the savings
10 banks of this state. Deposits shall bear interest at such
11 rate and under such conditions as the by-laws may pro-
12 vide.

Sect. 7. Minors. Shares may be issued and deposits re-
2 ceived in the name of a minor, and such shares and deposits,
3 may, in the discretion of the directors, be withdrawn by
4 such minor, or by his parent or guardian, and in either case
5 payments made on such withdrawals shall be valid and shall
6 release the said corporation from any and all liability to the
7 minor, parent or guardian.

Sect. 8. Supervision and control of bank commissioner.
2 The corporation shall be subject to the examination, super-
3 vision and control of the bank commissioner and shall an-
4 nually, at such time as the commissioner may designate,
5 and at such other times as he may request in writing, report
6 to him in such form and manner as he may prescribe. The
7 provisions of sections forty-nine to fifty-seven inclusive of
8 chapter fifty-two of the revised statutes shall apply to the
9 corporation.

Sect. 9. Franchise tax. The corporation shall semi-annu-
2 ally on the last secular day of March and September make
3 a return signed and sworn to by its treasurer of the aver-
4 age amount of its deposits and undivided profits and of its
5 guaranty or reserve fund, if any, for the six months ending

6 on each of said days. Said return shall be filed with the
7 board of state assessors on or before the tenth day of April
8 and October, and for wilfully making a false return the
9 treasurer shall forfeit to the state not less than five hundred
10 dollars nor more than five thousand dollars. The corpora-
11 tion shall pay a tax, assessed semi-annually, upon the value
12 of the franchise of the corporation, created and given by
13 this act, determined as follows: The said board of assessors
14 on or before the first day of May and November shall deter-
15 mine the value of said franchise to be the average amount
16 so returned and shall assess upon such value a tax of one-
17 fourth of one per cent, and shall forthwith certify said as-
18 sessment to the treasurer of the state, who shall forthwith
19 notify the corporation. The tax, so assessed semi-annually,
20 shall be paid by the corporation on or before the twenty-
21 fifth day of May and November. The aforesaid franchise
22 tax shall be in lieu of all other state and municipal taxes
23 to said corporation and all the deposits of shareholders and
24 investments and other property of the corporation shall be
25 exempt from state or municipal taxation to the corporation,
26 excepting real estate owned by the corporation and not held
27 as collateral security, which may be taxed in the town or
28 city in which the same is located. The deposits of share-
29 holders shall be exempt from municipal taxation to the
30 shareholders.

Sect. 10. First meeting; how called. The first meeting
2 of said corporation may be called by a written notice signed

3 by any corporator hereinbefore named, served upon each
4 corporator by giving him the same in hand or leaving the
5 same at his last and usual place of abode, seven days before
6 the time appointed for the meeting, unless such notice is
7 waived in writing signed by all the corporators. At said
8 meeting officers shall be elected and a code of by-laws
9 adopted, and any other necessary business transacted.