

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Granting the Right of Eminent Domain to Electric  
Power Companies Doing a Public Utility Business.

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

Section 1. Corporations organized under the provision  
2 of section three of chapter sixty of the revised statutes and  
3 corporations chartered by special acts of the legislature for  
4 the purpose of making, generating, selling, distributing and  
5 supplying electricity for lighting, heating, or other public  
6 purposes are hereby authorized and empowered to take and  
7 hold by right of eminent domain such lands and easements  
8 as may be necessary for the proper location of their trans-  
9 mission lines which are designed to carry voltages of five  
10 thousand volts or more and of necessary appurtenances

11 thereto, located within the territory in which said corpo-  
12 rations are authorized to do a public utility business, in the  
13 same manner and under the same conditions as set forth  
14 in chapter sixty-one, sections eleven to twenty-two, of the  
15 revised statutes and amendments thereto.

Sect. 2. This right shall not apply to lands or easements  
2 located within three hundred feet of an inhabited dwelling,  
3 nor to lands and easements on or adjacent to any developed  
4 or undeveloped water power, nor to lands and easements  
5 owned or used by railroad corporations; and provided fur-  
6 ther that this right shall not be exercised in such a way as  
7 to interfere unreasonably with the service of existing wire  
8 lines of other utility corporations.

Sect. 3. Any location to be so taken for such transmission  
2 lines shall be approved by the county commissioners of the  
3 county in which the transmission lines are located.