

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PASSED BY THE

FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1866.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1866.

Chapter 142.

An act to incorporate the International Telegraph Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Corporators.	SECT. 1. A. D. Brown, E. K. Harding, Charles B. Merrill, William McGilvery, Woodbury Davis, J. W. Palmer, J. C. Nichols, H. N. Jose, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the International Telegraph Company, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties provided by the general laws of this state, relating to corporations, with power by that name to sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal, and the same to change at pleasure ; to establish any and all by-laws and regulations, for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this state, and to do and perform any and all other lawful acts incident to similar corporations ; and said company shall have the right to locate and construct its lines upon, and along, any public highway or bridge, or along and upon the line of any railroad, but in such manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof ; and the company may cut down any trees standing within the limits of any highway, except ornamental or shade trees, when necessary for the erection, use or safety of its lines ; but said company, their successors or assigns shall at no time, without authority from the legislature, increase the prices for the transmission of despatches over their lines in this state, to a price higher than is now taxed by the American Telegraph Company in this state.
Corporate name, powers, duties, &c.	
By-laws, &c.	
Construction and conditions.	
Tariff.	
Location, &c.	SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate lines of telegraph between the eastern and western boundaries of this state, with as many wires and branches as they may see fit, commencing and terminating at such point or points as they may select hereafter within the limits aforesaid.
Capital.	SECT. 3. The capital stock of said company shall be of such an amount as they may, from time to time, determine to be necessary for the exclusive purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating the lines of telegraph hereby authorized and contemplated, and they may purchase, hold and dispose of such personal and real estate as may be necessary for that purpose.
Connections.	SECT. 4. This company shall connect with their lines when requested, all side lines that may be erected by any person or persons, and shall transmit upon their lines all dispatches of such side lines, at no more than the usual rate of charge for like service, and shall have power, by agreement with other persons, or bodies corporate, to connect their lines with other lines of telegraph, within and without the state ; but if any sale or transfer of this charter shall be made to any other company or individual, it shall operate
Sale or transfer of charter to operate as forfeiture.	

as a forfeiture of all rights under it. And the government of the United States and of this state shall in time of war, have a reasonable use of the line for the transmission of messages connected with war purposes. And if the main line of telegraph authorized by this act shall not be built within three years from the date of its approval this act shall be null and void.

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Right of state
and U. S.
governments.

SECT. 5. Any two of the persons named in this act of incorporation, may call the first meeting of the company, by giving written notice thereof to each of their associates, and this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

First meeting.

Approved February 21, 1866.

Chapter 143.

An act to enable the city of Belfast to build and maintain a free bridge over tide waters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The city of Belfast is hereby authorized and empowered to build and maintain, forever, a free bridge over tide waters in Belfast, across the river or bay where the lower bridge, so called, is now located, or at any other place between that point and the foot of Main street, as the city may deem for its interest and the public convenience.

Location.

SECT. 2. Said city shall construct and maintain a suitable and convenient draw in said bridge, for vessels to pass and repass, and shall see that the same is opened for the passage of vessels at all times, when application shall be made therefor.

Draw.

SECT. 3. On and after the expiration of the charter for the lower bridge, so called, all right and interest in and to said bridge, with the appurtenances thereto belonging, which may vest in the state of Maine, are hereby granted to the city of Belfast for its use in maintaining or building a free bridge.

Rights, &c.,
under former
charter to
revert to city.

Approved February 21, 1866.

Chapter 144.

An act to incorporate the Union Trotting Park Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. Hiram B. Connor, Franklin D. Jenkins, Joseph M. Nye, Wm. K. Lancy, Albion P. McMaster, Geo. A. Noble, James

Corporators.