

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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**Chapter 246.****CHAP. 246**

An act for the taxation of Telegraph Companies.

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

SECT. 1. That every telegraph corporation, company or person doing business within the limits of this state shall annually pay into the state treasury a tax of two and one-half per centum on the value of any telegraph line owned by said corporation, company or person within the limits of this state, including all poles, wires, insulators, office furniture, batteries and instruments, and any circumstances or conditions which affect the value of the property.

Telegraph companies to pay annual tax.

SECT. 2. Every such corporation, company or person shall annually, on or before the fifteenth day of April, return to the secretary of state, under the oath of its superintendent, the amount and value of all the property enumerated in section one, owned by it within the limits aforesaid, together with the names and residences of all shareholders living in this state, and the number of shares owned by each on the first day of April annually, and the governor and council shall determine said values and assess said tax thereon on or before the first day of May annually. The secretary of state shall thereupon certify said assessment to the state treasurer, who shall forthwith notify the several parties assessed thereof. Said tax shall be paid into the treasury on or before the first day of September annually, and shall be in lieu of all state or municipal taxation on any of the property or shares of said corporations, companies or persons.

Returns to be made to secretary of state.

Governor and council to assess tax.

Secretary of state to certify tax to treasurer of state.

--when to be paid.

SECT. 3. If any corporation, company or person aforesaid fails to make the return herein provided, the governor and council shall proceed to make said assessment on such valuation as they think just, with such evidence as they are able to obtain, and such assessment shall be final. And if any such corporation, company or person fails to pay the tax required by this act, the state treasurer may forthwith commence an action of contract in the name of the state for the recovery of the same with interest.

Proceedings in case of failure to make return and pay tax.

SECT. 4. When such tax is paid, it shall be the duty of the state treasurer to credit to each town such proportion of the tax of each company as the number of shares in said company owned in said town bears to the whole number of said

Adjustment of tax when paid.

**CHAP. 247** company's shares owned in the state, the remainder to be retained for the use of the state.

Inconsistent acts  
repealed.

**SECT. 5.** All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 19, 1880.

### Chapter 247.

An act amendatory of chapters seventeen and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes in relation to common nuisances and the sale of intoxicating liquors.

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

Sec. 1, ch. 17, R.  
S., amended.

**SECT. 1.** Section one of chapter seventeen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "liquors," the words 'and all places of resort where intoxicating liquors are kept, sold, given away, drank, or dispensed in any manner not provided for by law,' so that the section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Houses of ill-  
fame, etc., com-  
mon nuisances.

'**SECT. 1.** All places used as houses of ill-fame, resorted to for lewdness or gambling, for the illegal sale or keeping of intoxicating liquors, and all places of resort where intoxicating liquors are kept, sold, given away, drank, or dispensed in any manner, not provided for by law, are common nuisances.'

Sec. 22, ch. 27, R.  
S., as amended by  
chapter 215, pub-  
lic laws 1877,  
amended.

**SECT. 2.** Section twenty-two of chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and fifteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "purposes," the words 'or as a beverage,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Sale of intoxi-  
cating liquors  
prohibited.

'**SECT. 22.** No person shall be allowed at any time, to sell, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, any intoxicating liquors, of whatever origin, except as hereinafter provided ; wine, ale, porter, strong beer, lager beer, and all other malt liquors, and cider when kept or deposited with intent to sell the same for tippling purposes, or as a beverage, as well as all other distilled spirits, shall be considered intoxicating within the meaning of this chapter ; but

Liquors consid-  
ered intoxicating.