

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1885.

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SECT. 2. The doings of said several school districts prior to the passage of this act in electing school district agents and district clerks are hereby made and declared valid, and all votes passed at any meeting of any or either of said districts prior to the passage of this act in relation to the voting and raising of money by taxation or otherwise, shall have all such effect and validity as they would have if passed at a legal meeting, notwithstanding any errors or defects in the proceedings for calling, notifying or organizing the meeting at which any such election was held or any such vote passed. No failure on the part of any of the officers so elected, to take the oath prescribed by law shall affect the legality or validity of any acts done by him in his official capacity during the term for which he was elected; and the term of office of each of said officers, shall be taken to have expired upon the election of his successor.

—doings of,  
legalized.

SECT. 3. The records of said several school districts made prior to the passage of this act and signed by the person holding the office of district clerk for the time being, are hereby declared and made valid and legal, notwithstanding any informality therein, and they shall be receivable as evidence in relation to the transactions and votes therein recorded.

—records of,  
legalized.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 5, 1885.

### Chapter 511.

An Act to incorporate the Bingham and Moose River Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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

SECT. 1. Ira H. Randall, J. Manchester Haynes, S. J. Walton, Alonzo F. Adams, Isaac Newton, George Savage and John Webster, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body politic, by the name of the Bingham and Moose River Telephone and Telegraph Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties and obligations granted and prescribed by the

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers and  
privileges.

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Route.

general laws of this state relating to corporations. Said corporation shall have the right to locate, construct, maintain and operate lines of telephone and telegraph from some point in the town of Bingham, through any intervening town or plantation to the Forks of the Kennebec river, and from thence to Moose River village, or to any intermediate point and from the Forks to some point in the town of Shirley.

Authorized to construct lines along any highway, etc.

SECT. 2. Said company shall have the right, within the limits aforesaid, to locate, construct and maintain its lines upon and along any public way, railroad, bridge, or private lands, but in such manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary use of such way, road or bridge, with the right to cut down trees, remove obstacles when necessary, within the limits aforesaid, except ornamental, fruit or shade trees, and with the power to establish and collect tolls on said line.

Damages, how estimated.

SECT. 3. If the land of any individual or corporation is taken under this act and the parties cannot agree on the damages occasioned thereby, they shall be estimated, secured and paid in the manner provided in case of land taken for railroads.

Authorized to connect with or sell or lease to other lines.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to connect its line or lines with those of any other company, or to sell or lease its line, either before or after completion, to any other telephone or telegraph company, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon, which sale or lease shall be binding upon the parties, or to purchase or lease any other line or lines of telegraph or telephone, upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

Capital stock.

SECT. 5. The amount of the capital stock shall be fixed by vote of the corporation but not to exceed the amount that may from time to time be considered to be necessary for the purposes herein specified, but not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and said corporation may purchase, hold, sell and convey real estate and personal property necessary for the purposes contemplated in this charter.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 6. Any one of the corporators named in this act may call the first meeting of this company, by mailing a written notice to each of the other corporators, seven days at least, before the day of meeting, naming the time, place and purposes of such meeting; and at such meeting a presi-

dent, secretary, treasurer and directors may be chosen, by-laws adopted, and any corporate business transacted.

Officers and by-laws.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 5, 1885.

### Chapter 512.

An Act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Company.

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

SECT. 1. J. R. Bodwell, Fred Atwood, Thomas W. Vose, Edward Swazey, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the Maine Telephone 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, and 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 legal and 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 or upon the line of any railroad, first having obtained consent therefor of the municipal officers of any city or town in which it is proposed to construct said lines, and the consent of the officers of any railroad on which it is proposed to build its line, between the eastern and western boundaries of this state, and is hereby authorized and empowered to carry on the business of providing practical telephonic communication, by usual and proper methods and in the prosecution thereof to locate, construct, maintain and operate acoustic, magnetic and electric telephone lines and appurtenances, and license the use of the same by others and acquire such rights by lease or purchase from others throughout this state, submarine, underground, upon, along and over any and all public highways, bridges and places, in such manner as not to endanger the appropriate public use thereof, railroads, canals, and lands and buildings of any and all in-

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Rights.

Limits.

Powers.