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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
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**Chapter 513.**

An Act to give the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company certain rights within the State of Maine, and for other purposes.

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

SECT. 1. The sale heretofore made by the National Bell Telephone Company of the state of Maine, a corporation established by chapter two hundred seventy-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty, to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation established under the laws of New York, of all its property and property rights, including rights of way, saving and excepting its franchise to be a corporation, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Sale of the property of National Bell Telephone Co. to N E Telephone and Telegraph Co., confirmed.

SECT. 2. Said New England Telephone and Telegraph Company is hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate its telephone lines throughout the length and breadth 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 within the limits aforesaid, and they may purchase, hold and dispose of such personal and real estate as may be deemed necessary for that purpose, and shall have power, by agreement with other persons or bodies corporate, to connect their lines with other telephone companies.

Company authorized to construct lines.

—limits.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have the right to erect and construct the posts, piers, abutments and other fixtures necessary to sustain the wires of its lines upon, along and across any public way, road, street or bridge, or along, upon and across the line of any railroad, and in such manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof; first having obtained consent of the municipal officers of any city or town where their lines are to be built, or of the officers of any railroad company on which their lines are to be built; and may cut down any trees standing within the limits of any such way, road or street, except ornamental, fruit or shade trees, when necessary for the erection, use or safety of its lines.

—connect with other lines.

—may erect wires on any public highway or railroad.

—consent of municipal officers necessary.

—may cut down trees.

SECT. 4. The municipal officers of a place in which the said posts, piers, abutments and fixtures are to be erected, shall, on written application, specify where the same may be

Municipal officers may locate, or alter location.

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located, and after the erection thereof, having first given the company an opportunity to be heard, after five days notice they may direct any alteration in the said location.

May use telegraphic appliances.

SECT. 5. Said company may use such telegraphic appliances as may be necessary or convenient for the dispatch of their business.

Company not exempt from acts regulating telephone companies

SECT. 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt said company or its charter from the provisions of any acts already existing or which may hereafter be passed, regulating, amending, restricting or repealing the rights or privileges of telephone companies or the charters thereof.

When act may be accepted.

SECT. 7. This act may be accepted at any legal meeting of the directors of said corporation, by a majority of the members present, and shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

Approved March 5, 1885.

### Chapter 514.

An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum."

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

Sec. 1, ch. 163, private laws of 1866, amended.

SECT. 1. Section one is amended as follows, by striking out all after the word "the," in the eighth line, and the word "and," in the eleventh line, and inserting the words following, namely : 'military or naval service of the United States government on the quota of Maine, during the war for the suppression of the rebellion, and have died subsequently, or who from age, poverty or disease are unable to rear, maintain and educate any of such children,' so that the section, as amended, shall read :

Corporators.

'SECT. 1. John Patten, George F. Patten, Charles Davenport, Oliver Moses, and J. P. Morse, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the trustees of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, for the purposes of rearing and educating, gratuitously, in the common branches of learning and ordinary industrial pursuits, the orphans and half-orphans

Corporate name.

—purpose