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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

## SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 243.**

An Act to incorporate the Southern Maine Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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

SECT. 1. Frank W. Dana, William Dickey, C. I. Barker, John N. Wood, E. W. Gross, W. H. Miles, Charles Gay, W. E. Riker, and F. L. Hoyt, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate, by the name of

Corporators.

the Southern Maine Telephone and 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,

—corporate name.

with power by that name to carry on the business of practical telephonic and telegraphic communication, within the territory hereinafter described, by proper methods; and in the prosecution of said business, to locate, construct, maintain, and operate, molecular, acoustic, magnetic and electric, telephone and telegraph lines; to sue and to be sued, to have a common seal, to pass by-laws and regulations for the management of their affairs, not inconsistent with the laws of the state of Maine, to do and perform any and all other lawful acts incident to corporations of a similar character. Said company shall have the right to locate and construct its lines upon and along any public highway, bridge or private land, or along and upon the line of any railroad, and carry on said business, in, through and about, all the towns and cities in Androscoggin, Cumberland and York counties, 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, fruit or shade trees, when necessary for the erection, use or safety, of its lines.

—may construct all kinds of telegraph and telephone lines.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate, telephone and telegraph lines throughout the length and breadth of Androscoggin, Cumberland and York counties, 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, and subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and with the power to establish and collect tolls.

—may construct lines along any highway, etc.

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Where lines may be constructed.

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Authorized to connect with other lines.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to connect its line or lines with those of any other telephone or telegraph company or corporation, to sell or lease its line or lines and other property, in whole or in part, either before or after completion, to any person or persons or to any other telephone or telegraph company or corporation, upon such terms as may agreed upon by the contracting parties; and may purchase or lease any other line or lines of telephone or telegraph upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto.

Persons or corporations purchasing rights, shall be invested with all powers of corporation.

SECT. 4. Any person or corporation purchasing from the corporation hereby created, the right to use its telephone for any part or parts of the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland and York, is hereby invested with all the powers and privileges by this act conferred upon the Southern Maine Telephone and Telegraph Company, subject to all duties and liabilities hereby imposed in said part or parts of said county of Androscoggin, Cumberland and York; and the said corporation is hereby authorized to assign and transfer so much of the franchise hereby granted, as may be necessary for the purpose of this section.

May erect posts, etc., along public way, etc., by consent of municipal officers.

SECT. 5. 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, bridge or private land, or along, upon and across the line of any railroad, in such manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary public use thereof; first having obtained the consent of the municipal officers of any city or town where these lines are to be built and subject to the provisions of chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Municipal officers, may locate line.

SECT. 6. 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 located.

Capital stock.

SECT. 7. The capital stock of said company shall be of such an amount as the stockholders may determine, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars; and it may purchase, hold and dispose of, such real and personal estate, as may be necessary for the corporate purposes, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, and shall have power by agreement with

other persons, or bodies corporate, to connect its lines with other telephone or telegraph line, within or without the state.

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May hold real estate.

SECT. 8. 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.

Damages, how estimated.

SECT. 9. Any one of the corporators named in this act, may call the first meeting of the corporation, for organization, by mailing a written notice, signed by him, to each of the other corporators, seven days at least, before the day of the meeting, naming the time, place and purposes of such meeting; and at such meeting, by-laws may be adopted, the amount of capital stock fixed and any other corporate business transacted.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 17, 1891.

### Chapter 244.

An Act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Dover and Foxcroft Light and Heat Company.

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

SECT. 1. The rights, powers and privileges of the Dover and Foxcroft Light and Heat Company, which were granted by chapter twenty-five of the private and special laws of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, are hereby extended for four years additional; and the persons named in said act shall have all the rights, powers and privileges that were granted them by said act, to be exercised in the same manner, and for the same purposes, as provided in said act.

Charter, extended for four years.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 17, 1891.