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Chapter 554.

An Act to incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Company.

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

Sect. 1. Alfred Lenox, Richard T. Rundlett, William G. Hubbard, Joseph P. Tucker, Alfred H. Lenox, Clarence A. Peaslee, William D. Patterson and Albert M. Card, and Jose White, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone company with all the rights, powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties and liabilities provided by the general laws of this state relating to corporations, with power by that name to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, to establish all by-laws and regulations for the management of its affairs not repugnant to the laws of this state and to do and perform any and all other legal acts, incident to similar corporations. Said corporation shall have the right to locate, construct, own, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines from some convenient point in the town of Wiscasset through the towns of Alna, Whitefield, Windsor, China, Albion, Burnham, Pittsfield and Hartland and from there by the most feasible and advantageous route to Moosehead lake.

Sect. 2. Said company shall have the right within the limits aforesaid to locate, construct, maintain and operate its lines of telegraph and telephone upon and along any public highway, bridge, or upon the line of any railroad, first having obtained the consent therefor, of the municipal officers of any town where it is proposed to construct said lines, and of the officers of any railroad company over which the same are to be built, but in such a manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary use of such way, bridge, or railroad, with the right to cut down trees and remove obstacles where necessary within the limits aforesaid, except ornamental, fruit or shade trees, and with the power to establish and collect tolls on said lines.

Sect. 3. The company is hereby authorized to take, purchase, hold and dispose of such real estate and personal property as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and in case of real estate taken, the damages therefor, when the parties cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid, as in case of land taken for highways.

Corporators.

—corporate name.

—may construct lines of telegraph.

—route.

May locate lines along highways with consent of municipal officers.

—shall not incommode use of ways, etc.

May hold real estate.

—damages, how estimated.

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Powers.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to carry on the business of practical telegraphic and telephonic connection, by the use of any proper telegraph or telephone appliances or inventions, and may attach its wires or any appliances to buildings or trees, provided, that the owners of such buildings or trees shall first give their consent thereto.

Capital stock.

Sect. 5. The capital stock of such corporation shall be such an amount as said corporation may from time to time deem necessary for all the purposes contemplated by their act, the same to be fixed by a vote of said corporation.

May issue bonds and mortgage property.

Sect. 6. Said corporation may issue its bonds for the construction and operation of its lines and the conduct of its business for such amount and on such time and rates of interest as said corporation may determine, and may secure the same by a mortgage of its franchises and property, present and prospective.

Authorized to connect with other lines.

Sect. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to connect its lines with the lines of any other telegraph or telephone company by contract with said company, or to lease or sell its own lines at any time.

First meeting, how called.

Sect. 8. Any one of the corporators named in this act, may call the first meeting of this company, by mailing or giving in hand a written notice to each of the other corporators, seven days at least before the day of said meeting, naming the time, place and purposes of such meeting, and at such meeting, if a majority of said corporators shall be present, a president, secretary, treasurer and directors may be chosen, by-laws adopted, and any other corporate business transacted.

Shall not compete with existing or parallel lines.

Sect. 9. It is a condition of this charter that this company shall not run its wires or locate its poles in any territory already occupied by another telephone company, or parallel by its wires those of any other company doing business under the laws of this state.

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