

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

Chapter 391.

An Act to incorporate the Farmers' Telephone Company.

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

Section 1. Augustus W. Gilman and C. C. Dunham, their associates and successors, are hereby created a corporation by the name of the Farmers' Telephone Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to all the duties and obligations of similar corporations under the general laws of this state.

Corporators.

—corporate name.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to construct, own, maintain and operate a telephone line or lines anywhere in the towns of Foxcroft and Guilford in Piscataquis county, along and upon any public highway or bridge in said towns, subject to the control of the municipal officers of said towns, but in such a manner as not to incommode or endanger the customary public uses thereof; and said company may cut down any trees standing within the limits of any highway except ornamental or shade trees, where necessary for the erection, use and safety of its lines.

Route.

Section 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to connect its line or lines with those of any other telephone company or corporation upon such terms as may be agreed upon, or to sell or lease its line or lines and property in full or in part, before or after completion, to any other telephone company or corporation, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the contracting parties.

May connect with other lines.

Section 4. In case of the taking of any real estate necessary to carry out the provisions of this act the damages therefor, when the parties cannot agree, shall be assessed and paid in accordance with the law applicable to the assessment of damages for ways taken by railroads.

Damages for land taken.

Section 5. The capital stock of said company shall be of such amount as said company may from time to time determine to be necessary, but not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, which capital stock shall be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each.

Capital stock.

Section 6. Said company is hereby authorized to purchase, hold, lease, sell and convey all the real and personal estate necessary for the purposes contemplated in this charter.

May hold real and personal estate.

Section 7. The first meeting of the incorporators named in this act shall be called for the purpose of organization under this act, by a written notice signed by one of the corporators, directed to each of the corporators, seven days at least before the date

First meeting, how called.

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of meeting, naming the time and place of meeting and purposes of such meeting, and at such meeting a president, secretary and treasurer, and three directors may be chosen, by-laws adopted, present amount of capital stock fixed, and any corporate business transacted.

Section 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1903.

Chapter 392.

An Act to amend Section two of Chapter five hundred eight of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-five, as amended by Chapter one hundred thirty-four of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-seven, Chapter five hundred twenty-seven of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-three, and Chapter four hundred twenty-five of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred one, relating to Norway Municipal Court.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter five hundred and eight of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven; chapter five hundred and twenty-seven of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and chapter four hundred and twenty-five of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and one, is hereby amended in the third clause of said section and in the fourth line of said clause by striking out the word "and" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'or,' so that said third clause of said section two, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Third: Original jurisdiction, concurrent with the supreme judicial court, of all civil actions in which the debt or damage demanded does not exceed two hundred dollars, and both parties or the defendant or a person summoned as a trustee reside in the county of Oxford. Provided, that any action, civil or criminal, in which the judge is interested but which would otherwise be within the exclusive jurisdiction of said court, may be brought before and disposed of by any trial justice within said county, in the same manner and with like effect as other actions before said tribunals.'

Approved March 28, 1903.

Section 2,
chapter 508 of
private and
special laws
of 1885, as
amended,
further
amended.

Original
jurisdiction
concurrent
with supreme
judicial
court.

—proviso.