

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE TELEPHONE COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF IOWA AND TO PRESCRIBE THE MAXIMUM TOLL CHARGES ON THE LINES THEREOF.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That all corporations, individuals or partnerships owning and operating
2 telephone lines in this state shall be limited in their maximum charges to the rates of
3 compensation herein prescribed for messages transmitted over their lines. For messages of
4 three minutes time or less, counted while parties are actually using the line; between points
5 not more than twenty-five (25) miles distant from each other, 10 cents; more than twenty-five
6 (25) miles and not more than thirty-five (35) miles, 15 cents; more than thirty-five (35) miles
7 and not more than fifty (50) miles, 20 cents; exceeding fifty (50) miles five cents additional for
8 each fifteen miles or fraction thereof for all distances to and including one hundred and
9 twenty-five (125) miles; and for all distances exceeding one hundred and twenty-five (125) miles
10 five cents for each twenty-five (25) miles or fraction thereof. All distances are to be computed
11 according to the nearest public highway. For all messages requiring more than three minutes
12 time, the rate for each additional minute shall not exceed one-fifth of the rate for the first three
13 minutes.

Sec. 2. The rates established in section one of this act shall apply to all messages within
2 this state whether such messages are transmitted entirely over one line or over two or more
3 connecting lines.

Sec. 3. All telephone lines entering any city or town of this state shall provide connections
2 with every other telephone line or lines entering said city or town, and in case of all messages
3 going over more than one line, each line shall be entitled to its fair proportion of the message
4 fee.

Sec. 4. Any corporation, individual or partnership owning or operating any telephone line
2 or lines in this state who shall fail or refuse to comply with the requirements of this act shall,
3 upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one
4 hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense and for each subsequent offense not less than one
5 hundred dollars (\$100) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500).