

**477.5 Equal facilities — delay.**

If the proprietor of any telegraph or telephone line within the state, or the person having the control and management thereof, refuses to furnish equal facilities to the public and to all connecting lines for the transmission of communications in accordance with the nature of the business which it undertakes to carry on, or to transmit the same with fidelity and without unreasonable delay, the law in relation to limited partnerships, corporations, and to the taking of private property for works of internal improvement, shall no longer apply to them, and property taken for the use thereof without the consent of the owner may be recovered by the owner.

[C51, §783; R60, §1351; C73, §1327; C97, §2161; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §**8304**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, §488.5; C77, 79, 81, §477.5]

[2008 Acts, ch 1032, §63](#)