

Telegraph and Telephone Companies.

1892, ch. 387.

232 A. No individual company or corporation, now or hereafter owning, controlling, managing or operating any telephone line or lines within the limits of any city, town or village in the State of Maryland, shall charge, collect or receive, as rental for the use at any and all hours of the day and night, of such telephone and lines connecting with a central exchange, or point of communication through which conversation may be held, over all other lines connecting with such exchange, or point of communication, in such city or town, any sum exceeding six dollars and fifty cents per month, when one telephone only is rented by one individual, company or corporation, located within a radius of two miles from the central exchange, and one dollar additional per month for every additional mile distant from said exchange; where two or more telephones are rented by the same individual, company or corporation, located within a radius of two miles from the central exchange, the rental per month for each telephone so rented, shall not exceed five dollars and fifty cents per month, and one dollar per month for every additional mile distant from said exchange; provided, that the individual, company or corporation desiring to use such telephone and lines shall agree to contract for the use of such telephone and lines for a period of not less than six months.

1892, ch. 387. 1896, ch. 139.

232 B. Where any two cities, towns or villages in the State of Maryland are connected by wire, operated, managed, controlled or owned by any individual, company or corporation, the price for the use of any telephone for the purpose of conversation between such cities, towns or villages, shall, for each five minutes or fraction of five minutes of such use, not exceed the amount hereby fixed, that is to say: where the distance does not exceed ten miles, fifteen cents; where the distance is more than ten miles and not more than thirty miles, twenty-five cents; where the distance is more than thirty miles and not more than fifty miles, one cent a mile; where the distance is more than fifty miles, fifty cents; and one-half a cent for each mile in excess of fifty miles.