

For what. SEC. 24, Class 11 A. For the transaction of any business in which electricity over or through wires, may be applied to any useful purpose.

Amended. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said act of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, chapter four hundred and seventy-one, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto an additional section to follow section one hundred and seventy-five, and to be designated as section one hundred and seventy-five A.

Powers. SEC. 175 A. Any of the corporations formed under class eleven of section twenty-four of the act of which this act is amendatory, or under class eleven A, of section twenty-four of the act of which this act is amendatory, as said section and class may have been or may be hereafter amended, shall have the powers which are conferred upon telegraph companies incorporated under said act of which this act is amendatory by the one hundred and twenty-ninth section of said last mentioned act, and may construct and lay any part of its said line or lines under ground on any route on which it is authorized to construct such lines, in whole or in part, above ground, and may acquire by condemnation any easements or interests in land which may be necessary to give effect to the purposes for which such corporation was formed, in the manner set forth in sections one hundred and seventy to one hundred and seventy-five, both sections included, of the said act of which this act is amendatory.

Proviso. SEC. 175 B. Provided, however, that all corporations incorporated, or to be incorporated by virtue of said section twenty-four, class eleven, or by virtue of said section twenty-four, class eleven A, except such corporations as are now in practical operation and have laid or constructed their lines, or any part thereof in the city of Baltimore, shall, before