

now used by said company in furnishing the service mentioned in this proviso, which description or a copy thereof duly certified by said clerk shall be taken as a true description of said equipment in all proceedings, whether civil or criminal, which may hereafter be taken to enforce the requirements of this proviso or of the sections of article twenty-three therein mentioned, and the said equipment shall always include and secure for each subscriber a separate wire; and if any individual, company or corporation, owning, controlling, managing or operating a telephone line or lines within the limits of the State, shall, at any time hereafter, neglect or refuse to furnish the equipment and service mentioned in this proviso to any person or corporation entitled thereto under the terms of the sections of article twenty-three enumerated in said proviso, the said individual, company or corporation so refusing or neglecting, and the officers and agents of any such company or corporation, and the agents of every such individual, shall be liable to indictment therefor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined for each offence not less than fifty dollars, nor more than two hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court; and provided also, that any person entitled to telephone service under the provisions of said sections 232 A to 232 F, both inclusive, but no other person, shall have the right and privilege to use, without extra charge, any other telephone equipment, with the consent of the subscriber to the last mentioned equipment, and any individual, company or corporation, or the officers and agents of any such company or corporation, and the agents of every such individual refusing or neglecting to allow such right or privilege, shall be liable to indictment, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined for each offence not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court.

232 G. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be appointed by the Governor three persons, citizens of the State of Maryland, who shall serve without pay, and shall be styled "Telephone Commissioners," who shall have the powers and discharge the duties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: they shall, by a full and thorough investigation, ascertain the amount expended by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, or the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City, in the acquisition of the rights of way and other easements, now held by either of said companies in the State of Maryland, and the amount expended in the construction of plant, equipment and works now owned by

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