

them or either of them, and used in connection with the telephone business in said State of Maryland; and also the cost of furnishing in the city of Baltimore and other places in said State said telephone service, both that known as the ordinary or grounded service, and also that known as the metallic circuit service; they shall also procure all such other information which in their judgment shall be necessary and proper to determine what ought to be fair and sufficient rates for furnishing such telephone service in the city of Baltimore and other places in the State of Maryland; for the purpose of discharging the duties hereby imposed on them, the commissioners above named are hereby authorized to make such examination of the books, papers and accounts of the companies above named, as shall be necessary for that purpose, and also to summon before them and examine under oath, to be by them administered, all the officers and agents of said companies and such other persons whom they may deem necessary to examine for the purposes above mentioned, which said summons the sheriffs of Baltimore city and the several counties of Maryland are hereby directed to serve. The said commissioners are also hereby authorized to employ an expert accountant to assist them in the discharge of their duties, the salary to be paid the said accountant and also the necessary expenses of the said commissioners in the discharge of their duties, shall be paid by the said Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City; the exercise of the privileges granted by section 232 F of this article, shall be considered as an assent by the companies above named to the examination authorized to be made by this section, of the books, papers and accounts of said companies so far as necessary for the purposes above mentioned, and of their officers and agents; it is hereby made the duty of said commissioners to report to the next General Assembly of this State, the result of the investigation and examination by this section directed to be made, together with any recommendations they think proper to make upon the subject matter thereof.

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to be paid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect ~~effective~~ from the date of its passage.

Approved April 3d, 1894.