

**TELEGRAPH COMPANIES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 59 of 1851**

**484.152 Telegraph companies; certificate of organization, contents, filing.**

Sec. 2. Such persons, under their hands and seals, shall make a certificate which shall specify:

1st. The name assumed to distinguish such association, and to be used in its dealings, and by which it may sue and be sued;

2nd. The general route of the line of telegraph, designating the points to be connected;

3rd. The capital stock of such association, and the number of shares into which the stock shall be divided;

4th. The names and places of residence of the shareholders, and the number of shares held by each of them respectively;

5th. The term of its existence, not to exceed 30 years; which certificate shall be proved or acknowledged, and recorded in the office of the clerk of the county where any office of such association shall be established, and a copy thereof filed in the office of the secretary of state; such acknowledgment may be taken by any officer authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds of real estate, at the place where such acknowledgment is taken.

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