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TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

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104th Congress

An Act

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[S. 652]

To promote competition and reduce regulation in order to secure lower prices and higher quality services for American telecommunications consumers and encourage the rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Telecommuni-  
cations Act of  
1996.  
Intergovern-  
mental relations.  
47 USC 609 note.

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Telecommunications Act of 1996”.

(b) **REFERENCES.**—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.).

**SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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TITLE I—TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

Subtitle A—Telecommunications Services

Sec. 101. Establishment of part II of title II.

“PART II—DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITIVE MARKETS

- “Sec. 251. Interconnection.
- “Sec. 252. Procedures for negotiation, arbitration, and approval of agreements.
- “Sec. 253. Removal of barriers to entry.
- “Sec. 254. Universal service.
- “Sec. 255. Access by persons with disabilities.
- “Sec. 256. Coordination for interconnectivity.
- “Sec. 257. Market entry barriers proceeding.
- “Sec. 258. Illegal changes in subscriber carrier selections.
- “Sec. 259. Infrastructure sharing.
- “Sec. 260. Provision of telemessaging service.
- “Sec. 261. Effect on other requirements.”
- Sec. 102. Eligible telecommunications carriers.
- Sec. 103. Exempt telecommunications companies.
- Sec. 104. Nondiscrimination principle.

Subtitle B—Special Provisions Concerning Bell Operating Companies

Sec. 151. Bell operating company provisions.

“PART III—SPECIAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING BELL OPERATING COMPANIES

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- “Sec. 272. Separate affiliate; safeguards.

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- “Sec. 273. Manufacturing by Bell operating companies.
- “Sec. 274. Electronic publishing by Bell operating companies.
- “Sec. 275. Alarm monitoring services.
- “Sec. 276. Provision of payphone service.”

## TITLE II—BROADCAST SERVICES

- Sec. 201. Broadcast spectrum flexibility.
- “Sec. 336. Broadcast spectrum flexibility.”
- Sec. 202. Broadcast ownership.
- Sec. 203. Term of licenses.
- Sec. 204. Broadcast license renewal procedures.
- Sec. 205. Direct broadcast satellite service.
- Sec. 206. Automated ship distress and safety systems.
- “Sec. 365. Automated ship distress and safety systems.”
- Sec. 207. Restrictions on over-the-air reception devices.

## TITLE III—CABLE SERVICES

- Sec. 301. Cable Act reform.
- Sec. 302. Cable service provided by telephone companies.

## “PART V—VIDEO PROGRAMMING SERVICES PROVIDED BY TELEPHONE COMPANIES

- “Sec. 651. Regulatory treatment of video programming services.
- “Sec. 652. Prohibition on buy outs.
- “Sec. 653. Establishment of open video systems.”
- Sec. 303. Preemption of franchising authority regulation of telecommunications services.
- Sec. 304. Competitive availability of navigation devices.
- “Sec. 629. Competitive availability of navigation devices.”
- Sec. 305. Video programming accessibility.
- “Sec. 713. Video programming accessibility.”

## TITLE IV—REGULATORY REFORM

- Sec. 401. Regulatory forbearance.
- “Sec. 10. Competition in provision of telecommunications service.”
- Sec. 402. Biennial review of regulations; regulatory relief.
- “Sec. 11. Regulatory reform.”
- Sec. 403. Elimination of unnecessary Commission regulations and functions.

## TITLE V—OBSCENITY AND VIOLENCE

## Subtitle A—Obscene, Harassing, and Wrongful Utilization of Telecommunications Facilities

- Sec. 501. Short title.
- Sec. 502. Obscene or harassing use of telecommunications facilities under the Communications Act of 1934.
- Sec. 503. Obscene programming on cable television.
- Sec. 504. Scrambling of cable channels for nonsubscribers.
- “Sec. 640. Scrambling of cable channels for nonsubscribers.”
- Sec. 505. Scrambling of sexually explicit adult video service programming.
- “Sec. 641. Scrambling of sexually explicit adult video service programming.”
- Sec. 506. Cable operator refusal to carry certain programs.
- Sec. 507. Clarification of current laws regarding communication of obscene materials through the use of computers.
- Sec. 508. Coercion and enticement of minors.
- Sec. 509. Online family empowerment.
- “Sec. 230. Protection for private blocking and screening of offensive material.”

## Subtitle B—Violence

- Sec. 551. Parental choice in television programming.
- Sec. 552. Technology fund.

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- Sec. 601. Applicability of consent decrees and other law.
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- Sec. 702. Privacy of customer information.  
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 Sec. 706. Advanced telecommunications incentives.  
 Sec. 707. Telecommunications Development Fund.  
 “Sec. 714. Telecommunications Development Fund.”  
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 Sec. 709. Report on the use of advanced telecommunications services for medical purposes.  
 Sec. 710. Authorization of appropriations.

**SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

(a) **ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.**—Section 3 (47 U.S.C. 153) is amended—

(1) in subsection (r)—

(A) by inserting “(A)” after “means”; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, or (B) comparable service provided through a system of switches, transmission equipment, or other facilities (or combination thereof) by which a subscriber can originate and terminate a telecommunications service”; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(33) **AFFILIATE.**—The term ‘affiliate’ means a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person. For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘own’ means to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent.

“(34) **AT&T CONSENT DECREE.**—The term ‘AT&T Consent Decree’ means the order entered August 24, 1982, in the anti-trust action styled *United States v. Western Electric*, Civil Action No. 82-0192, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and includes any judgment or order with respect to such action entered on or after August 24, 1982.

“(35) **BELL OPERATING COMPANY.**—The term ‘Bell operating company’—

“(A) means any of the following companies: Bell Telephone Company of Nevada, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, New York Telephone Company, U S West Communications Company, South Central Bell Telephone Company, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of West Virginia, The Diamond State Telephone Company, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, or Wisconsin Telephone Company; and

“(B) includes any successor or assign of any such company that provides wireline telephone exchange service; but

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