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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 913

S. P. 275

In Senate, February 19, 1969

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Berry of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Extension of Water Service.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 35, § 294, amended. Section 294 of Title 35 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end, a new paragraph, as follows:

The commission may require any water company to furnish or extend its service when following formal public hearing it is determined that such extension of service is in the public interest and will not cause undue financial burden to the existing customers of said company. This authority of the commission shall be applicable within all areas where the water company or district is authorized to serve. If in compliance with order of the commission, it is necessary that properties or franchises of any other water company must be acquired, such right is given and if necessary the right of eminent domain may be exercised. In any instance where the terms of purchase cannot be agreed upon, the county commissioners shall assess damages and such appraisal shall be subject to appeal to the Superior Court.