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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2312 L.D. 2349, Bill, "AN ACT Providing for Administrative Corrections in Tax Laws."

Amend said Bill in section 4 by striking out the first paragraph of that part designated "<u>§292.</u>" and inserting in place thereof the following:

'<u>The Municipal Valuation Appeals Board shall hear appeals by</u> any municipality deeming itself aggrieved by the Bureau of Taxation's determination of equalized valuation or failure to meet minimum assessing standards and render its decision based upon the ecorded evidence.'

Further amend said Bill in section 4 by striking out the 5th paragraph of that part designated "§292." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'In the event a municipality's appeal to the Superior Court or Supreme Judicial Court results in a lowering of the municipality's state Valuation, the Treasurer of State shall reimburse with funds appropriated from the General Fund an amount equal to the moneys lost by the municipality due to the use by the State of an incorrect state Valuation in any statutory formula used to distribute state funds to municipalities.' Statement of Fact

The purpose of this Amendment is to clarify 2 sections of Title 36, section 292. The first change adds the words "failure to meet" to the first paragraph, and the (second) change makes it clear that an appeal can be made to either the Superior Court or the Supreme Judicial Court.

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