

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 862

H. P. 632

House of Representatives, February 12, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hewes of Cape Elizabeth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Enable the Town of Cape Elizabeth to Establish Sewer Service Charges.

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

Sec. 1. Sewer service charge. The town council of the Town of Cape Elizabeth, in addition to the assessment provided for by the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 30, section 4451, may by ordinance establish and levy upon persons, firms or corporations owning lots or parcels of land abutting on or served by drains and sewers heretofore or hereafter constructed a service charge for the use of and for the services furnished by such drains and sewers or available to such lots or parcels of land, whether connected thereto or not, or whether or not such lots or parcels of land are improved. Persons, firms or corporations shall be construed to include those which are public, quasi-municipal or otherwise tax exempt.

Sec. 2. Charges. Such charges shall be uniform wherever the cost to the town of the service is substantially uniform, but nothing contained herein shall preclude the town council from establishing a higher charge in special types of cases where for any reason the cost to the town of the service exceeds the average, but such higher charge shall be uniform in such special types of cases. Such charges may include a sum sufficient to pay the current expenses of operating and maintaining the sewer system, and to establish a sinking fund to provide for the payment of interest and principal on any outstanding or future indebtedness of the town for construction of drains and sewers or for the construction of a revenue-producing municipal facility. The money deposited in said fund shall be devoted entirely to said purposes and may be invested in such securities as savings banks in this State are allowed to hold.

Sec. 3. Collection. The charges shall be collected in the manner set forth in the Revised Statutes in 1964, Title 30, sections 4453 to 4456.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will permit assessment of sewer service charges against real estate which abuts a municipal sewer system but which is not connected to it.