

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 259

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND NINE.

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AN ACT to amend Section 2 of Chapter 188 of the Public  
Laws of 1907.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter one hundred and eighty-  
2 eight of the public Laws of nineteen hundred and seven, is  
3 hereby amended by striking out all of said section and in-  
4 serting therefor the following:

'Section 2. If a city determines that streets or certain  
6 streets or portions of streets shall be sprinkled in whole or  
7 in part at the expense of the abutters thereon such expense  
8 for sprinkling for a municipal year and the proportions

9 thereof to be borne by abutters shall be determined by the  
10 municipal officers who after such notice as they may order  
11 shall view the abutting estates, and after hearing determine  
12 the amount to be assessed on estates abutting on such streets  
13 in proportion to the benefits secured to such abutting estates  
14 by such sprinkling. Provided, however, that if horse rail-  
15 roads or street railroads are operated upon such public ways  
16 or portions thereof as said city may determine to sprinkle  
17 at the expense of the abutters said railroads shall be assessed  
18 on the amount of space included between the outer rails and  
19 one foot beyond on each side extended such distance as such  
20 railroads operate on said way or portion thereof to be  
21 sprinkled, at the same proportionate rate as said space bears  
22 to the amount assessed in the whole space included within  
23 said limits of said public way and providd further that the  
24 provisions of this bill as to sprinkling streets shall not apply  
25 to suburban districts, but only to thickly populated portions  
26 of a city, nor to tracks laid along the side of streets or ways,  
27 and the amount assessed against a street railroad for such  
28 sprinkling in any street shall not exceed one-third of the  
29 rest of such sprinkling along the line of said railroads. In-  
30 stead of paying an assessment as above provided, a street  
31 railroad shall have the right to sprinkle at its own expense  
32 its tracks.

The amount of such assessment upon each estate and upon  
34 said railroads shall be determined by the municipal officers,

35 or if said municipal officers so designate, by the board of  
36 public works, board of street commissioners, superintendent  
37 of streets or other officers, and said municipal officers or  
38 other officers or officer as aforesaid as soon as may be after  
39 the first day of April of each municipal year shall cause a  
40 list of such streets or portions thereof to be made, specify-  
41 ing each abutting estate, the length of track of street rail-  
42 roads on such streets to be sprinkled, and the amount deter-  
43 mined to be assessed as aforesaid, against each abutting es-  
44 tate and said railroad and certify and commit said list to the  
45 assessors of taxes.'

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 19, 1909.

Reported by Mr. WING from Committee on Judiciary and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*