

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 462

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to Inspectors of Meters.

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

Section 1. The municipal officers of cities and towns may
2 annually elect an inspector of meters who shall serve for one
3 year or until another is qualified in his stead at such salary
4 as said municipal officers shall determine.

Sect. 2. The said inspector shall be qualified and compe-
2 tent to perform the duties of the office and shall have charge
3 of the inspection of all water, gas and electric meters, as
4 provided in the following sections.

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the inspector, upon com-
2 plaint in writing of any consumer of gas, water or electric

3 current, after said consumer shall have deposited with the
4 city or town clerk such fee to cover the cost of inspection, as
5 shall be fixed by the municipal officers of the city or town,
6 to inspect, examine, prove and ascertain the accuracy of
7 any gas, water or electric meter of which complaint is made,
8 and when the said meter shall be found to be or made to be
9 correct, the inspector shall stamp or mark such meter with
10 some suitable device, which device shall be recorded in the
11 office of the city or town clerk.

Sect. 4. No corporation, district or person shall furnish
2 for use any gas, electric or water meter in any city or town
3 in which there shall be a duly appointed and qualified in-
4 spector of meters which shall not have been inspected, ap-
5 proved, marked and sealed by such inspector of meters.
6 Every gas, water and electrical corporation or district shall
7 provide and keep in and upon its premises a suitable and
8 proper apparatus to be approved and stamped by the in-
9 spector of meters for such city or town for testing and prov-
10 ing the accuracy of all water, gas and electric meters furnish-
11 ed for use by it and by which apparatus every meter furnish-
12 ed to a consumer shall be tested.

Sect. 5. If any consumer to whom a meter has been furn-
2 ished shall apply to the city or town clerk in writing for the
3 inspection of such meter, and shall deposit with said clerk
4 the fee fixed for said service, the inspector shall inspect and
5 test the same and if said meter on being so tested, shall be

6 found to be incorrect to the extent of four per cent, if an
7 electrical meter, or two per cent, if a gas or water meter, to
8 the prejudice of such consumer, the inspector shall order the
9 gas, water or electric corporation or district forthwith to
10 remove said meter and to place in lieu thereof a meter which
11 has been tested, approved, marked and sealed by an
12 inspector of meters, and the inspector shall thereupon give a
13 certificate to the consumer, showing the result of such test,
14 who upon presenting said certificate to the city or town clerk
15 shall receive back the fee deposited with said clerk, and in
16 such case the corporation or district shall bear the expense of
17 such inspection and shall pay to the treasurer of the city or
18 town the same fee required of the consumer, but such con-
19 sumer shall not be entitled to recover back in whole or in
20 part from such corporation, district or person any sums paid
21 for service prior to the filing of his application for inspection.

Sect. 6. All fees collected by the city or town clerk or
2 treasurer shall be placed to the credit of the city or town to be
3 used for municipal purposes.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

March 19, 1909.

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F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*