

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 414

House of Representatives, March 5, 1913.

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ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section two of Chapter forty-seven of the
Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine, relating to assess-
ment of taxes for Street Sprinkling.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter forty-seven of the
2 public laws of nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby amended
3 by inserting after the word "city" wherever it occurs in
4 said section, the words 'town or village corporation,' so that
5 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. If a city, town or village corporation determine
7 that streets or certain streets or portion of streets shall be

8 sprinkled in whole or in part at the expense of the abutters
9 thereon, such expense for sprinkling for a municipal year
10 and the proportions thereof to be borne by abutters shall
11 be determined by the municipal officers who after such no-
12 tice as they may order shall view the abutting estates, and
13 after hearing determine the amount to be assessed on estates
14 abutting on such streets in proportion to the benefits secured
15 to such abutting estates by such sprinkling. Provided, how-
16 ever, that if horse railroads or street railroads are operated
17 upon such public ways or portions thereof as said city, town
18 or village corporation may determine to sprinkle at the ex-
19 pense of the abutters said railroads shall be assessed on the
20 amount of space included between the outer rails and one
21 foot beyond on each side extended such distance as such
22 railroads operate on said way or portion thereof to be
23 sprinkled, at the same proportionate rate as said space bears
24 to the amount assessed in the whole space included within
25 said limits of said public way, and provided further that
26 the provisions of this bill as to sprinkling streets shall not
27 apply to suburban districts, but only to thickly populated
28 portions of a city, town or village corporation, nor to tracks
29 laid along the side of streets or ways, and the amount as-
30 sessed against a street railroad for such sprinkling in any
31 street shall not exceed one-third of the rest of such sprink-
32 ling along the line of said railroads. Instead of paying an
33 assessment as above provided, a street railroad shall have
34 the right to sprinkle at its own expense its tracks.

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