

*Chap. 457* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER SYSTEM.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Apportionment of cost to cities and towns in the metropolitan water district to be based partly on valuation and partly on consumption of water.

The treasurer of the Commonwealth, for the purpose of making the apportionment to the cities and towns in the metropolitan water district of the amount required in each year to pay the interest, sinking fund requirements and expenses of maintenance and operation of the metropolitan water system provided for by section nineteen of chapter four hundred and eighty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, as amended by chapter four hundred and eighty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and one, shall, in the year nineteen hundred and seven, and in each year thereafter, apportion such amount to the cities and towns in said district, one third in proportion to their respective valuations for the preceding year and the remaining two thirds in proportion to the consumption by the cities and towns, respectively, in the preceding year, of water received from all sources of supply as determined by the metropolitan water and sewerage board, and certified to said treasurer: *provided, however*, that there shall be included in reckoning such proportion only one fifth of the total valuation, and nothing for consumption of water, for any city or town which has not reached the safe capacity of its present sources of supply or of the sources of supply of the water company by which it is supplied, determined as aforesaid, or which has not made application to said board for water; and *provided, further*, that any city or town assessed upon its full valuation which obtains a part of its water supply from its own works or receives a supply from a water company shall be allowed and credited in its apportionment with a sum equal to twelve dollars for each million gallons of water furnished as aforesaid, as determined by said board and certified to said treasurer. The treasurer shall annually notify each city and town of the amount of its assessment, and the same shall be paid by the city or town into the treasury of the Commonwealth at the time required for the payment of and as part of its state tax.

Provisos.

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