

judge deems just, which part or proportion may be increased or decreased after hearing by him whenever the circumstances warrant.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT to amend section 74.71 of the statutes, relating to releases from assessments for special improvements in towns.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 74.71 of the statutes is amended to read: 74.71 Whenever any assessment has been or shall be made by the authorities of any city or village for the purpose of paying for any work done or improvement made upon any street or highway therein, the costs of which are liable to be or have been assessed against any lot or parcel of land, the owner or any person interested in any such lot or parcel of land may settle for such work or improvement with any contractor or his assigns having a claim against the same for any work done or to be done by him upon such street or highway under any contract with the authorities of such city or village; and a release, duly executed and acknowledged by such contractor or his assigns, shall be entitled to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds in the county and shall be an effectual release and discharge of all claims of such contractor or his assigns against the land described therein and against the owner thereof and the city or village which may be the contracting party for such work or improvement, but not of any claim of the city or village against such land for printing, surveying, engineering and other incidental expenses. *In counties having a population of five hundred thousand or more the provisions of this section shall also apply to towns.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 1, 1931.