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CHAPTER 463.

AN ACT to create section 1311—1 of the statutes, relating to power of county board to adopt and improve certain roads as trunk roads.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1311—1. 1. Whenever any highway, road or street, or combination of the same, shall pass through or connect two or more towns, cities or villages, or parts thereof, the county board in which the same is located may, by resolution, adopt the same as a trunk road, for the purpose of improving and paving the same, under the provisions of this section, and may in such resolution, determine the assessment district which may include property not abutting upon the same, but which is naturally tributary thereto and benefited thereby as determined by the assessing board.

2. Whenever any county board shall have adopted any such resolution it shall have the power to improve such trunk road, either by paving with or without a concrete base, or by grading, ditching, rolling or otherwise permanently improving, by proceeding as near as may be in accordance with the provisions of sections 959—30 to 959—30j, inclusive, of the statutes, except that only one-third of the cost of such improvement shall be assessed by the county board upon the property in such assessment district, in proportion to the benefits; but the part of the cost assessable to the property benefited in each town, city or village, shall be its just proportion based upon the proportionate length of such improved highway, road or street, in each town, city or village, and the balance of such cost shall be paid by the county, either out of county funds in the treasury, or by levy or by a bond issue, or part by each. The assessment shall be made in the first instance by the highway commissioner, and shall be reported by him to the county board, and the county board shall have power to review, correct and amend such assessment.

3. The provisions of this section shall apply only to counties containing a city of the second class.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 14, 1913.