



Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Act 1944

1944 CHAPTER 26

3 Extension of duties of local authorities and joint boards as to water supply.

- (1) Every local authority shall provide a supply of wholesome water in pipes to every rural locality in their district in which there are houses or schools, and shall take the pipes affording that supply to such point or points as will enable the houses or schools to be connected thereto at a reasonable cost:

Provided that—

- (a) this subsection shall not require a local authority to do anything which is not practicable at a reasonable cost ; and
 - (b) if any question arises under this subsection as to whether anything is or is not practicable at a reasonable cost or as to the point or points to which pipes must be carried in order to enable houses or schools to be connected to them at a reasonable cost, the Minister, if requested so to do by the council of the county or by ten or more local government electors in the district of the local authority, shall, after consulting the local authority, and, where the request was made by local government electors, after consulting also the council of the county, if any, determine that question and the local authority shall give effect to his determination.
- (2) The Public Health Act, 1936, shall have effect as if the obligations imposed by the preceding subsection were part of the obligations imposed on local authorities by section one hundred and eleven of that Act, and expressions to which a meaning is assigned by section three hundred and forty-three of that Act have the same meanings for the purposes of this section.
- (3) The obligations of any joint board constituted under the Public Health Act, 1875, or, before the passing of this Act, under the Public Health Act, 1936, for the purpose of discharging the functions relating to water supply of two or more local authorities shall, as respects rural localities within the district of the board, include the obligations which are imposed on local authorities by virtue of the preceding provisions of this

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section as respects rural localities within their respective districts, and the enactments and orders relating to any such board shall have effect accordingly.