

more, or in or through any of the counties of the State; except under a special charter of the General Assembly; provided, however, that nothing of this section shall apply to railroads constructed by mining companies, as provided for in section 246 of this article.

See notes to this section (as it stood in 1911) in volume 1 of the Annotated Code.

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1906, ch. 717. 1908, ch. 154. 1912, ch. 517.

322. Every railroad company of this State, heretofore or hereafter incorporated, may in its discretion and from time to time, make use of any motive power or motive powers, on the whole or any part or parts of its road, for the purpose of operating its road or any part or parts thereof, or for the movement of all or any of its cars or trains; provided, however, that every railroad company changing its motive power, in whole or in part, from steam to electricity, or other motive power, shall continue to be subject to all the provisions of the laws of this State relating to the taxation of railroad companies whose roads are worked by steam power, to all intents as if no such change of motive power had been made, and that every railroad company changing its motive power, in whole or in part, from electricity or other motive power other than steam, to steam, shall become subject to all the provisions of the laws of this State relating to the taxation of railroad companies whose roads are worked by steam power, and provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not authorize any railroad company to operate its cars or trains by steam or other power along the streets of any city or town, or along any public road, without the consent of the proper municipal or county authorities.

1914, ch. 26.

325A. Any person employed as signalman, towerman, gateman, leverman, agent, train dispatcher, telegraph or telephone operator in a railroad signal tower or public railroad station to receive or transmit a telegraphic or telephonic message or train order for the movement of trains and who works eight hours or more in any twenty-four each and every day continuously, and all levermen employed in connection with the reception or transmission of a telegraphic or telephonic message or train order for the movement of trains and who work the number of hours aforesaid must have and shall be allowed at least two days of twenty-four hours each in each and every calendar month for rest with the regular compensation; except in cases of extraordinary emer-

*By chapter 131 of the acts of 1912, the charter, franchises, roadbeds and property of the Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railway Company are relieved from the operation and effect of sections 294 and 295 of article 23 and from all liability to forfeiture or abandonment under any other laws of this state.