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## APPROVAL—PETITION CONTAINING PROPOSED CONSTI-TUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 25, 1936.

KINGSLEY A. TAFT, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Terminal Tower, Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my examination a written petition signed by one hundred qualified electors of this state, containing a proposed constitutional amendment and a summary of the same under Section 4785-175, General Code. It is proposed to adopt Section 2a of Article V to read as follows:

"The names of all candidates for an office shall be arranged on the ballot in a group under the title of that office. Except on a non-partisan election ballot or at a party primary election, the name or designation of each candidate's party shall be printed under each candidate's name within parentheses and in lighter and the next size smaller type face than that in which the candidate's name is printed. The names of all candidates for an office shall be so alternated on the ballots used in an election for that office that each name shall appear thereon substantially an equal number of times at the top, at the bottom, and in each intermediate place, if any, of the group in which it belongs. No ballot shall be arranged so as to give an elector an opportunity to vote for any candidate (other than candidates for electors of President and Vice President), except by making a mark in a blank enclosed space on the left of and before such candidate's name "

The summary of this amendment reads as follows:

"An amendment adopting a new section to be known as Section 2a of Article V of the Constitution of Ohio providing:

- 1. That an elector shall have an opportunity to vote for candidates only by making a mark in the blank space before the name of each candidate for whom he desires to vote:
- 2. That names of candidates shall be arranged in a group under the title of the office; with an indication as to each candi-

date of the name or designation of his party except in the case of non-partisan elections.

3. That the names of candidates for each office shall be printed in rotation."

I am of the opinion that the foregoing is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed constitutional amendment and accordingly submit for uses provided by law the following certification:

"I, John W. Bricker, Attorney General of the State of Ohio, pursuant to the duties imposed upon me under the provisions of Section 4785-175, General Code, hererby certify that the foregoing summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed amendment to the Constitution by amending Article V thereof, by adopting and adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 2a. JOHN W. BRICKER, Attorney General."

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL—CANAL LAND LEASE TO LAND IN SPRING-FIELD TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO—CINCINNATI GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 25, 1936.

Hon. Carl G. Wahl, Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You recently submitted for my examination and approval a canal land lease in triplicate executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said Department to The Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. By this lease, which is one for a term of ninety-nine years renewable forever and which provides for an annual rental of \$600.00 during the first fifteen years of the term of this lease, subject to reappraisal for rental purposes of the leased property at the end of each fifteen-year period, there is leased and demised to the lessee above named the right to use as a site for an electrical distribution station and for general business purposes a parcel of abandoned Miami and Erie Canal lands and lands adjacent thereto situated in the city of Lockland in Springfield Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, and in Section 2, T. 3, E. R. 1, and being a part of the same premises conveyed by