

It is quite clear that the same construction should be placed upon the clause "as determined by the latest census of the United States", as used in Section 2253-2, General Code, as would be placed upon the clause "as ascertained by the latest federal census of the United States" as used in Section 2252, General Code, as the two statutes were enacted by the same legislature and were a part of the same act of the legislature.

I am therefore of the opinion, in specific answer to your question, that the pro rating of the salaries of judges of the courts of appeals, as provided for by Section 2253-2, General Code, should be in accordance with the federal census next preceding the time when the pro rating is made.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, LEASE TO OFFICE SPACE IN PURE OIL BUILDING, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR USE OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 22, 1931.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication, enclosing for my approval a certain lease, in quadruplicate, whereby the Gasco Realty Company, as lessor, leases and demises unto you, as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said Department, for the State of Ohio, the first, second, third and fourth floors, and 5,000 square feet in the front of the basement in the building known as the Pure Oil Building situated at 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. Said lease is for the period from July 1, 1931, until such time as the new state office building now being erected on Front Street is ready for occupancy, at a monthly rental of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).

Upon examination, I find the lease to be in proper form. A copy of a resolution of the board of directors shows that the vice-president and secretary of the Gasco Realty Company are authorized to enter into this lease on behalf of the company.

The encumbrance estimate shows that there is a sufficient balance in a proper appropriation account to pay the rental for a period of three months, which is believed to be sufficient compliance with section 2288-2, General Code.

Finding said lease in proper form, I hereby approve it as to form, and am returning it herewith to you, together with all other data submitted.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*