

that he serves merely at the will of council, and may be removed by council at its pleasure.

However, the fact that no definite time is fixed in the charter for the term of office of president of council is not in my opinion necessarily determinative of the question of whether or not he has a term of office; nor is the fact that said president of council may be removed at the will of council determinative of this question.

All public offices are held subject to the possibility of the incumbent being removed, whether it be for cause or otherwise. The President of the United States may be impeached for cause, and any public officer may be removed if he be guilty of an abuse of power. It cannot be said for that reason that they do not have a term of office.

It is the universal custom that when legislative assemblies select a presiding officer, such officer continues in that position without successive election from day to day during the life of the assembly over which he has been chosen to preside, unless the assembly chooses to exercise its right to remove him and choose another. The term of the life of the assembly may be said to be the term of office of its presiding officer, and it is my opinion that the term of the mayor of the city of Cleveland is coincidental with the term of the members of said city's council, namely, two years.

Moreover, this view is strengthened by the express language of Section 10, of said charter, wherein it is said:

“* * * If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor or in case of his absence or disability the council shall choose another of its members to act as mayor for the unexpired *term* or during the continuance of the absence or disability.” (Italics the writer's.)

Inasmuch as the said mayor has a definite term and is in the unclassified service of the city, his salary cannot be increased or diminished during the term for which he was chosen.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF HUBBARD, TRUMBULL COUNTY—\$11,866.59.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 20, 1927.

Retirement Board, State Teachers' Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

1406.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRVIEW, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO—\$74,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 20, 1927.

Retirement Board, State Teachers' Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.