

required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with. Finally, a certificate of the Secretary of State shows that the above contracting foreign corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,

Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, PETITION FOR PROPOSED LAW TO PROVIDE FOR
THE GRANTING OF AID TO AGED PERSONS IN THE STATE
OF OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 16, 1932.

HON. H. S. KEIFER, *Attorney-at-Law, Fahien-Tehan Bldg., Springfield, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination a written petition signed by more than one hundred qualified electors of this state, containing a proposed law and a summary thereof, under the provisions of Section 4785-175, General Code. This proposed law is to provide for the granting of aid to aged persons in the State of Ohio under certain conditions, as set forth in the full text of this proposed law, which is attached to this opinion and made a part hereof.

The summary of this proposed law reads as follows:

"This proposed law provides that the State of Ohio shall grant and pay aid to any person who has reached the age of 65 years, who is unable to support himself (or herself) and whose income from all sources does not exceed \$300.00 per year, provided he (or she) has been a resident of Ohio and a citizen of the United States at least 15 years and a resident of the county at least one year immediately preceding application; is not an inmate of a penal or correctional institution or state hospital; has not during the period of 15 years deserted or without just cause failed to support his wife or children under 15 years of age, for a period of six months or more, (or, if a wife, deserted her husband or children under the age of 15 years); has not property of a net value, less all encumbrances and liens, in excess of \$3000.00, or if married, the net value of the combined property of husband and wife does not exceed \$4000.00; and has no husband, wife, child or other person who is able to support him (or her) and who is responsible by law for his (or her) support.

The aid is not to exceed \$25.00 per month, and is to be reduced so that the total income of the person from all sources shall not exceed \$300.00 per year, and, if married, so that the combined income of husband and wife from all sources shall not exceed \$600.00 per year. If an applicant, or his or her husband or wife, own property, the property is to be considered as having an income of 5% of its value, and the aid reduced accordingly. Applications for aid must

be renewed yearly. The amount of aid granted to an individual may be changed at any time within the limit of \$25.00 per month.

Upon the death of a person receiving aid, burial expenses may be paid, not exceeding the current monthly installment of aid and three additional installments.

Applicants may be required to convey property to the State in trust; and there are provisions for reimbursing the State for aid paid to a person (or his or her wife or husband) by collection from his estate if he dies leaving property.

The law is to be administered by a Division of Aid for the Aged in the State Department of Welfare operating through a Board in each county, which is to consist of the county commissioners except in counties where the commissioners ask for the appointment of a separate Board. In either case the members of the county Board are to receive no compensation for their services.

The proposed law provides that 'the General Assembly shall provide necessary and adequate funds for the carrying out of the provisions of this act,' including the payments of aid and compensation of employes and all other expenses of administration of both the State Division and the County Boards.

This is to be an additional method of supporting the aged poor and does not repeal any other law."

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

"Without passing upon the advisability of the enactment of the proposed law providing for the granting of aid to aged persons in the State of Ohio under certain conditions and without passing upon the constitutionality of the same, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon me under the provisions of Section 4785-175, General Code, I hereby certify that the foregoing summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed law. GILBERT BETTMAN, Attorney General."

Respectfully,

GILBERT, BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACTS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN LORAIN
AND WARREN COUNTIES, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 18, 1932.

HON. O. W. MERRELL, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*