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APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, CUYA-HOGA COUNTY, OHIO—\$66,135.12.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 19, 1932.

Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

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STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY—STATUTE DOES NOT FORBID COMMITTEE DIVIDING COUNTY INTO DISTRICTS FOR PURPOSE OF ELECTING DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION—OPINION NO. 1262, VOLUME 1, PAGE 259, YEAR 1916, AFFIRMED.

SYLLABUS:

Opinion No. 1262, Vol. 1, Opinions of Attorney General for 1916, p. 259, affirmed.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 19, 1932.

HON. CLARENCE J. BROWN, *Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date is as follows:

“Section 4785-74 of the General Code provides that the state committee of each party shall determine the ratio of representation in the state convention of the respective party, but does not prescribe the manner in which such delegates may be allocated within each county.

It is generally conceded that were provision made for the election of delegates and alternates in many counties by wards and townships, it would fully serve the purpose of the law and would simplify the ballot. It would also serve as an economical measure in connection with the printing of the ballots and in the conduct of the election.

I will therefore appreciate your advice as to whether it is within my authority to rule as Secretary of State, that, in the Primary Election in Presidential years, delegates and alternates to the state convention may be elected at large in any county, or by townships and wards in a county containing a city or cities, and the state central committee may authorize the county executive committee of its respective party to exercise its discretion as to the manner in which the apportioned delegates and alternates of such county may be distributed.”

Section 4785-74, General Code, provides in so far as pertinent as follows:

“Candidates for presidential elector shall be nominated by delegate state conventions, the delegates to which shall be chosen at a primary elec-