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APPROVAL, SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII,
SECTION 2, OHIO CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF
OFFICE OF STATE, COUNTY, TOWNSHIP AND MUNICIPAL OFFI-
CERS.

SYLLABUS:

Approval of synopsis of proposed amendment to Section 2 of Article XVII of the Constitution of Ohio, providing for the terms of office of state officers, judges of the supreme court, other judges, justices of the peace, members of the board of public works, and all elective county, township, municipal and school officers.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 6, 1928.

MR. CHARLES H. HUBBELL, *Attorney at Law, 630 Engineers Building, Cleveland, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted to me under date of July 30, 1928, for my certification under the provisions of Section 5175-29e, General Code, a synopsis of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Ohio to be embodied in an initiative petition. The pertinent portion of Section 5175-29e is as follows:

“ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CERTIFY WHETHER SYNOPSIS IS A TRUTHFUL STATEMENT OF PROPOSED LAW OR AMENDMENT. Whoever proposes to file an initiative or referendum petition may submit to the attorney general a fair and impartial synopsis of such proposed law or amendment and if such synopsis is a truthful statement of the contents and purpose of such proposed law or amendment he shall so certify. Such synopsis together with the attorney general’s certification may be printed in capital letters immediately following the notice provided for in Section 5175-29f. The text of the proposed law or amendment shall be printed in full at the end of each part of the petition.”

The synopsis of the proposed amendment is in the following language:

“The purpose of the proposed amendment is to alter and amend Section 2 of Article XVII of the Ohio Constitution so as to provide:

That the terms of office of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, and attorney general shall be for such even number of years, not more than 4 years, as may be prescribed by the General Assembly or by the people of the State of Ohio; and

That the terms of office of judges of the supreme court shall be for such even number of years, not less than 6 years, as may be so prescribed; and

That the terms of office of other judges shall be for such even number of years, not more than 8 years, as may be so prescribed; and

That the terms of office of justices of the peace, of members of the board of public works, and of all elective county, township, municipal and school officers shall be for such even number of years, not more than 6 years, as may be so prescribed.”

I have carefully examined the full text of the proposed amendment, as submitted to me, together with the synopsis above quoted, and am of the opinion that such syn-

opsis is a truthful statement of the contents and purpose of the proposed amendment. Accordingly, I, submit, for use as provided by law, the following certification:

"I Edward C. Turner, Attorney General of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a fair and impartial synopsis and is a truthful statement of the contents and purpose of the proposed amendment of Section 2, Article XVII of the Constitution of Ohio. Edward C. Turner, Attorney General."

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

2428.

DISAPPROVAL, SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED LAW TO AMEND SECTIONS OF THE GENERAL CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS THEREOF, THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS, DUTIES, ETC.

SYLLABUS.

Disapproving synopsis of proposed law to amend Sections 487, 606, 614-20, 2250-2 of the General Code and to enact Sections 499-3a and 614-20a of the General Code, relating to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the number of members thereof, their qualifications, powers and duties, etc.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 6, 1928.

MR. CHARLES H. HUBBELL, *Attorney at Law*, 630 *Engineers Building*, *Cleveland, Ohio*.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted to me under date of July 27, 1928, for my certification under the provisions of Section 5175-29e, General Code, a synopsis of a proposed law to be embodied in an initiative petition. The pertinent part of Section 5175-29e is as follows:

"Whoever proposes to file an initiative or referendum petition may submit to the attorney general a fair and impartial synopsis of such proposed law or amendments and if such synopsis is a truthful statement of the contents and purpose of such proposed law or amendment he shall so certify. Such synopsis together with the attorney general's certification may be printed in capital letters immediately following the notice provided for in Section 5175-29f. The text of the proposed law or amendment shall be printed in full at the end of each part of the petition."

The synopsis submitted is in the following language:

"Section 487 of the proposed law provides for the creation of The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; provides that said commission may sue and be sued; provides that said commission shall consist of five (5) members; provides that members of said commission shall be appointed by the governor; provides that the members of said commission shall have certain powers and duties; provides that the three (3) members of said commission holding office at the time the act shall take effect shall continue in office for specified periods, as follows: One for not more than 6 years and not less than 5 years, one for not more than 5 years and not less than 4 years, one for not more than 4 years