

commissioners as a part of the actual expenses of the member and the same be allowed.

In view of the foregoing and in answer to your first inquiry, I am of the opinion that no authority exists by virtue of which a soldiers' relief commission may employ clerks and stenographers to assist it in the performance of its duties.

Coming now to your second inquiry, Section 2937, General Code, to which you refer, reads:

"On the fourth Monday of November of each year and at such other times as may be necessary, the soldiers' relief commission shall meet at the office of the county commissioners, or in a suitable room furnished by the county for that purpose, and examine carefully the lists and statements of those reported by the township and ward soldiers' relief committees, and also all cases not included in such lists, who, before and during their session, have been recommended to the commission for aid under these provisions. If satisfied that those so recommended, or any of them are in need of assistance and are entitled thereto under these provisions, the commission shall fix the amount to be paid each month in each case to such person or family."

Under the provisions of Section 2934, General Code, the primary duty of receiving and examining all applications for relief under the provisions of the soldiers' relief sections is placed upon the township and ward soldiers' relief committees, who in turn submit the same to the county soldiers' relief commission for its consideration.

No provision is contained in Section 2937, General Code, above quoted, for the employment or compensation of persons for making investigation of applications for relief, nor does an examination of the statutes pertaining to this subject reveal any authority for such employment and payment.

Applying the principles set forth in the discussion had upon the first question presented by you, to the instant situation, I am of the opinion that a soldiers' relief commission may not employ and compensate persons for making investigations of the applications for soldiers' relief.

Respectfully,

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF BEDFORD, CUYAHOGA COUNTY,
OHIO—\$31,500.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 10, 1931.

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

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF STRUTHERS, MAHONING COUNTY,
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Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.