

I am returning the bond herewith, without my approval endorsed thereon for the reasons stated above.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

377.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF NORTH RANDALL, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO—\$1,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 23, 1927.

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

378.

BRIDGES OVER NAVIGABLE WATERS—NO GENERAL PROVISIONS IN LAW GRANTING UNDERWATER RIGHTS AND AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT BRIDGES—MUST BE SPECIAL AUTHORIZING ACT IN EACH CASE—SANDUSKY BRIDGE BILL—WHEN EFFECTIVE.

SYLLABUS:

1. *There are no general provisions in the laws of Ohio under which necessary underwater rights and authority to construct bridges over navigable waters may be granted by a state official without the necessity for an authorizing act in each individual case.*
2. *House Bill No. 71 (Sections 13996-2 to 13996-8, both inclusive, General Code), grants authority to the Sandusky Bridge Company to construct, maintain and operate a bridge across Sandusky Bay, the plans and specifications for said bridge and the means adopted for caring for navigation to be subject to the approval of the Director of Highways and Public Works and the construction of said bridge to be under his supervision.*
3. *House Bill No. 71, will become effective on June 28, 1927, unless a referendum petition be filed prior to said date requiring the submission of said act to a vote of the people under the provisions of Sections 1 to 1-g of Article II of the Ohio Constitution.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 25, 1927.

MAJOR DEWITT C. JONES, *District Engineer, Buffalo, N. Y.*

DEAR SIR:—Acknowledgment is made of your recent communication reading as follows:

“In connection with the approval of plans of bridges and other structures by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War, Section 9 of the River and Harbor Act of March 3, 1899, prescribes that bridges over streams, the navigable portions of which lie wholly within the limits of a single state may be built under authority of the State Legislature without a special act of Congress. A copy of the act is enclosed.