

section 3, Ohio Constitution, if strictly construed, nevertheless, in view of the long established method of determining the commencement of elective terms of office of like nature, to which method the present difficulty is directly attributable, and bearing in mind that a strict construction of the above constitutional provision would render all the terms of the elective officers mentioned in said article and section and regulated in like manner unconstitutional, I believe that the courts would declare that the person involved in your inquiry eligible to become a candidate for the office to which he aspires.

In view of the foregoing, I feel that the conclusion reached in my prior opinion No. 3602, rendered September 25, 1931, is erroneous and should be reversed and accordingly I am of the opinion that the person in question is eligible to become a candidate for the position of county sheriff and, if elected, may qualify for said position.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF AKRON, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 27, 1932.

HON. JOSEPH T. TRACY, *Auditor of State, Columbus, Ohio.*

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APPROVAL, LEASE TO LAND AT BUCKEYE LAKE—EUGENE  
MUELLER.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 27, 1932.

HON. I. S. GUTHERY, *Director, Department of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge the receipt of a recent communication over the signature of the Chief of the Bureau of Inland Lakes and Parks in the Division of Conservation, submitting for my examination and approval two certain leases in triplicate, by which there is leased and demised to one Eugene Mueller of Columbus, Ohio, as the lessee named in said respective leases, two several parcels of state reservoir lands at Buckeye Lake, which parcels of land are more fully described in the leases above referred to.

Each of the leases here in question is for a term of fifteen years and each calls for an annual rental of six per cent of the appraised valuation of the parcel of land leased; which valuation in each case is the sum of \$833.34.

Upon examination of said leases, I find that the same have been properly executed by the Conservation Commissioner, on behalf of the State of Ohio, and by the above named lessee.

An examination of the terms of said leases shows that the same are in conformity with the provisions of section 471, General Code, and of other statutory enactments relating to leases of this kind.

I am accordingly approving said leases as to legality and form and I herewith return said leases with my approval endorsed thereon and on the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, LEASE TO RESERVOIR LANDS AT PORTAGE LAKES—  
SUSIE M. KINZEL—OTILLIA WATSON.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 27, 1932.

HON. I. S. GUTHERY, *Director, Department of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of recent communications over the signature of the Chief of the Bureau of Inland Lakes and Parks, submitting for my examination and approval two certain leases in triplicate by which there is leased and demised to the respective lessees therein named, certain parcels of state reservoir lands at the Portage Lakes. Said leases, designated with respect to the names of said lessees, the location of the parcels of land leased and the appraised valuations, are as follows:

Name.		Valuation.
Susie M. Kinzel	Front of Lot 7, Thornton Addition.	\$100.00
Otillia Watson	Front of Lots 290 and 291, Willow View Addition.	\$200.00

The term of said respective leases is fifteen years, and in each case the annual rental provided for is six per cent of the appraised value of the parcel of land leased.

Upon examination of said leases, I find that the same have been properly executed by the Conservation Commissioner, acting on behalf of the State of Ohio, and by the respective lessees above named.

I likewise find that the terms of said leases are in accordance with the provisions of section 471, General Code, and of other statutory enactments relating to leases of this kind.

I am accordingly approving said leases as to legality and form and I herewith return the same with my approval endorsed thereon.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*