

members of board of county commissioners by enactment before election thereof."

In 46 C. J. 967, the text is as follows:

"A constitutional provision that no law shall extend the term of any officer after his election does not exclude a change by constitutional amendment. Such a provision, while it is an inhibition against the legislature extending the term for which an officer is elected after the election of such an officer, even though the length of such term is not provided for by the constitution, does not affect the right of the legislature, otherwise not prohibited from increasing or diminishing the term of office of public officers where the enactment is before the election of the officers."

It is my opinion that an amendment of the law changing the term of an elective office which becomes effective prior to the date of election for such office, is controlling as to the term of any person elected thereto even though such amendment was not effective at the time candidates for such office were nominated therefor. It accordingly follows that the officers whose terms are provided in House Bill No. 603 will be elected for the terms therein provided at the ensuing November election.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

5421.

APPROVAL—APPLICATION FOR REDUCTIONS OF CURRENT AND DELINQUENT RENTALS ON RESERVOIR LAND LEASE AT SUMMERLAND BEACH, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO—CARRIE HICKMON AND ZULA LINTON.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 28, 1936.

HON. L. WOODDELL, *Conservation Commissioner, 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, enclosing an application filed with you by one Zula Linton for reductions in the amounts of current and delinquent rentals on a certain reservoir land lease executed to her and to one Carrie Hickmon (B. L.

287) under date of October 1, 1923, in and by which there was leased and demised to the lessees above named the right to construct and maintain a docklanding in front of Lots Nos. 136 and 137 of S. J. Wooley's Allotment of Lands at Summerland Beach, and also the right to use the state land in the rear of this waterfront for walkway purposes.

The reason assigned for the reductions requested is that the lessees have constructed at their own expense a retaining wall in connection with the leased property at an expense to them of more than \$500 and that since 1931 the lessees have suffered heavy losses by reason of depressed financial conditions. Acting upon this application, you have granted a reduction in the amount of the back rentals due and unpaid on the lease which amounts to a remission or cancellation of the total amount of such back rentals, to wit, the sum of \$60. You have not, however, granted any reduction in the amount of the annual rental provided for by the terms of the lease, which annual rental is the sum of \$12.

Upon examination of this application and the finding made by you upon the same, I find this application and your finding to be in proper form and your finding is therefore approved by me as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon your finding and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which, together with the application, are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

5422.

APPROVAL—APPLICATION FOR REDUCTIONS OF ANNUAL
AND DELINQUENT RENTALS ON RESERVOIR LAND
LEASE IN BUCKEYE LAKE, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO
—ZULA LINTON.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 28, 1936.

HON. L. WOODDELL, *Conservation Commissioner, 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 with which you submit for my examination and approval an application made by one Zula Linton under the provisions of House Bill No. 467, 115 O. L., 512, for reductions in the amounts of the annual and delinquent rentals on Lease No. BL 280 executed to her under date of July 27, 1923, in and by which, in consideration of an annual rental in the sum of \$6.00, there was leased and demised to said Zula Linton, as