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3621.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF BEXLEY, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO —\$5,800.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 30, 1931.

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

3622.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF BEXLEY, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO —\$14,400.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 30, 1931.

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

3623.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, GUERNSEY COUNTY, OHIO—\$46,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 30, 1931.

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

3624.

APPROVAL, MODIFICATION OF LEASE OF OHIO CANAL LANDS IN LICKING COUNTY, OHIO—THE COLUMBUS, NEWARK & ZANES-VILLE ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Columbus, Ohio, October 2, 1931.

HON. A. T. CONNAR, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—You have this day submitted to me for my examination and approval, as to form, a certain written instrument executed by you as superintendent of public works and as director of said department, which is attached to and affects the modification of a lease of Ohio Canal lands in Licking County, Ohio, which lease was originally executed by the then superintendent of public works to The Columbus, Newark & Zancsville Electric Railway Company for a term of twenty-five years under date of January 5, 1923.

By the original lease executed to The Columbus, Newark & Zanesville Electric Railway Company, there was leased and demised to said company the right to use and occupy for railway right-of-way and for electrical current pole line purposes Ohio Canal lands located in Newark, Licking and Union Townships in said county, which property is more particularly described in said original lease, above referred to.

The modification here in question is in effect an abandonment of said original lease and of the Ohio Canal lands therein demised for all purposes other than that for a pole line right-of-way over which to maintain and operate a line of poles, as now located, on the towing path embankment on said Ohio Canal property for the transmission of electrical current; and by said modification the annual rental for the use of said property is reduced from that provided for in the original lease to the sum of four hundred twenty dollars (\$420.00). Said written modification is, as above noted, executed by you as superintendent of public works and as director of said department and the same is approved by the Southern Ohio Public Service Company, which company is now the owner and holder of said original lease.

The modification of said original lease, above referred to, was executed by you under the authority of House Bill No. 86, which was passed by the 89th General Assembly April 9, 1931, approved by the Governor April 21, 1931, and which went into effect on the 23d day of July, 1931. By the terms of this act, the director of public works of the State of Ohio is authorized to modify the lease executed to The Columbus, Newark & Zanesville Electric Railway Company, above noted, so as to adjust the rental called for in said lease and to relieve the Southern Ohio Public Service Company, the successor in title of The Columbus, Newark & Zanesville Electric Railway Company, from the payment of the rental of Canal land described in said lease excepting that part used for pole line purposes, the rental of which is to be fixed at the sum of four hundred twenty dollars (\$420.00) per year for the balance of the term of said lease.

Upon consideration of the terms and provisions of the written modification of said lease, I find the same to be in conformity with the provisions of the act of the General Assembly, above noted, and with other statutory provisions relating to releases of this kind. Said written modification is accordingly approved by me as to legality and form, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed thereon and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which, together with the original lease and copies thereof, are herewith returned.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

3625.

COSTS—PUBLISHING AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION OF OHIO—PAID BY COUNTIES UNDER NEW ELECTION CODE.

SYLLABUS:

The cost of publishing in the various counties, amendments to the Constitution proposed by the General Assembly, as provided in Section 1, Article XVI of the Constitution, heretofore borne by the state, must, in view of the repeal