

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.