

conveyance. In other words, no officer or agent of the state has any power to grant or convey to another any easement or any interest in lands of the state unless the right to do so has been expressly conferred by law. See *State, ex rel. vs. Railway Co.*, 37 O. S. 157, 174. In this connection, it is noted that section 8523, General Code, relating to the conveyance of real estate belonging to the state and of interests therein provides:

“All conveyances of real estate, or any interest therein, sold on behalf of the state, in pursuance of law, shall be drafted by the auditor of state, executed in the name of the state, signed by the governor, countersigned by the secretary of state, and sealed with the great seal of the state.”

This statute evidences the general policy of the state to require the conveyance of all lands of the state or of interests therein to be executed by the Governor, and then only when such conveyance is authorized by law. It follows from what has been said above that there is no legal authority for the execution of the deed here in question and the same is herewith returned without approval.

Respectfully,
JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

3294.

APPROVAL, LEASE TO LAND IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO, FOR GAME REFUGE PURPOSES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 11, 1934.

HON. WILLIAM H. REINHART, *Commissioner, Division of Conservation, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination and approval a certain lease No. 2245, executed by one William M. Stitt of Liberty Township, Wood County, Ohio, to the state of Ohio on a parcel of land in said township and county, known as the northwest one-quarter of section 21, township 4, north, range 10 east, containing 160 acres more or less, and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 21 in township 4, north range 10 east, containing 40 acres more or less in Liberty Township, Wood County, Ohio, a total of 200 acres. By this lease, which is one for a term of five years, this land is leased and demised to the state solely for state game refuge purposes; and it is noted in this connection that acting under the provisions of Section 1435-1 and other related sections of the General Code, the Conservation Council, acting through you as Conservation Commissioner, has set this property aside as a state game and bird refuge during the term of said lease.

Upon examination of this lease, I find that the same has been properly executed and acknowledged by said lessor and by the Conservation Council acting on behalf of the state through you as Commissioner. I am accordingly approving this lease as to legality and form as is evidenced by my approval endorsed

upon the lease and upon the duplicate copy thereof, both of which are herewith returned.

Respectfully,
JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

3295.

APPROVAL—CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE EGLEHOFF STUDIOS COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF PAINTING AND REDECORATING THE SENATE CHAMBERS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 13, 1934.

HON. T. S. BRINDLE, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval, a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works for the Ohio Senate, and The Eglehoff Studios Company, of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of combined contract for Painting and Redecorating, and furnishing Linoleum, Carpeting and Drapery for the Senate Chambers, Columbus, Ohio, in accordance with Item 3 of the form of proposal dated September 27, 1934. Said contract calls for an expenditure of Nine Thousand, three hundred and sixty-three dollars and sixty cents (\$9,363.60).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance, to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated, in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have submitted a certificate of the Controlling Board showing that such board has released funds for this project in accordance with Section 8 of House Bill No. 699 of the 90th General Assembly, regular session.

In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Maryland, appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law, and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the Workmen's Compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon, and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

3296.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, \$20,700.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 15, 1934.

Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.