

approval of the state relief commission the county commissioners decide to furnish the direct relief and it is necessary before granting such relief to make investigations, the county commissioners would have the implied authority to employ the necessary persons to make the investigations. The commissioners would have no authority to pay a private society for making such investigations.

In specific answer to your inquiry, it is my opinion that a board of county commissioners has no legal authority under either the general poor relief statutes or the emergency poor relief legislation to pay public funds to a Red Cross society, such funds to be applied toward the payment of the salary and expenses of the secretary and the maintenance of the local Red Cross office.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, PETITION TO AMEND SECTION 2750 OF THE GENERAL CODE.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 31, 1933.

HON. ED. D. SCHORR, *Chairman, Republican State Central Committee, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination a written petition signed by one hundred qualified electors of this state, containing a measure to be referred and a summary of the same, under Section 4785-175, General Code.

It is proposed to refer to the electors of this state House Bill No. 331 of the 90th General Assembly, entitled "An act to amend section 2750 of the General Code, relative to the term of office of the county recorder and to adjust existing terms in accordance with such amendment."

The summary of this measure to be referred reads as follows:

"The present law of Ohio provides that at each general election in even numbered years the people in each county shall elect a county recorder for a term of two years. House Bill No. 331, passed by the 90th General Assembly, repeals that law and extends to January, 1937, the terms of present county recorders elected in 1932 for a term of two years. Said House Bill No. 331 also provides that at the general election in 1936, and quadrennially thereafter, county recorders shall be elected for four year terms."

I am of the opinion that the foregoing is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be referred and accordingly submit for uses provided by law the following certification:

"I, John W. Bricker, Attorney General of the State of Ohio, pursuant to the duties imposed upon me under the provisions of Section 4785-175, General Code, hereby certify that the foregoing summary is a fair and truthful statement of House Bill No. 331 of the 90th General Assembly. JOHN W. BRICKER, Attorney General."

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.