

years for a justice of the peace, the creation of a vacancy by the refusal of a person elected to serve is taken care of by sections 1714 and 1715, General Code of Ohio, which provide:

*"Section 1714:* If a vacancy occurs in the office of justice of the peace by death, removal, absence for six months, resignation, refusal to serve, or otherwise, the trustees within ten days from receiving notice thereof, by a majority vote, shall appoint a qualified resident of the township to fill such vacancy, who shall serve until the next regular election for justice of the peace, and until his successor is elected and qualified. The trustees shall notify the clerk of the courts of such vacancy and the date when it occurred."

*"Section 1715:* At the next regular election for such office, a justice of the peace shall be elected in the manner provided by law, for the term of four years commencing on the first day of January next following his election."

It is believed that the proper procedure in the case you mention in your communication is for the township trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal to serve.

You are therefore advised that a justice of the peace elected to serve a term of four years, and to whom no successor has been chosen who has qualified for such office, may not legally continue to serve as such justice of the peace.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,

*Attorney-General.*

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF HARTFORD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUMBULL COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 30, 1925.

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

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2190.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF BEDFORD, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, \$118,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 31, 1925.

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