

ment of the other. In reaching these conclusions, the court followed the principles laid down by the Supreme Courts of Montana and North Dakota, which are as follows:

"If, in the light of common sense, the proposals have to do with different subjects, if they are so essentially unrelated that their association is artificial, they are not one; but if they may be logically viewed as parts or aspects of a single plan, then the constitutional requirement is met in their submission as one amendment."

—*State, ex rel. Hay v. Alderson*, 49 Mont., 387; 142 Pac., 210.

"To refer in detail to the variety of circumstances in which the question under discussion has arisen in the foregoing cases would unduly lengthen this opinion. We shall consequently content ourselves with a mere statement of the principle which finds practically unanimous support in the many authorities cited.

Such a constitutional provision is designed to prevent the submission to the voters, as one amendment, of distinct propositions that are so far disconnected and independent of each other as to have no direct relation to a general subject."

—*State, ex rel. Fargo v. Wetz* (N. Dak.), 5 A. L. R., 731, 752.

In view of the foregoing, it is my opinion that the numerous proposals which you have submitted seeking to amend fifteen sections of the Constitution do not constitute an amendment to the Constitution within the meaning of the term as used in Section 4785-176, *supra*, but that they deal with several distinct propositions which are not so connected with one another as to have a direct relation to one subject. I, accordingly, return to you herewith the proposed initiative petition without my certifications endorsed thereon.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

2869.

APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF THE RT. REV. JAMES J. HARTLEY IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 26, 1931.

HON. CARL E. STEEB, *Business Manager, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—There has been submitted for my examination and approval an abstract of title, warranty deed and Encumbrance Estimate No. 2082 relating to the proposed purchase by the State of Ohio of a certain parcel of land situated in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, which is owned of record by the Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley, Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, and which is more particularly described as being Lot No. 26 of John Burton's Subdivision of the north half of the south half of Lot. No. 278 in R. P. Woodruff's Agricultural College Addition to the City of Columbus, as said lots are delineated on the plat of said subdivision in Plat Book 3, page 350, Recorder's Office, Franklin County, Ohio.

Upon examination of the abstract of title submitted, I find that said Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley has a good merchantable fee simple title to the above described property free and clear of all encumbrances except the taxes on said property for the year 1930 which taxes amounting to the sum of \$4.72 are unpaid and are a lien upon said property.

I have examined the warranty deed tendered by said Bishop Hartley and find that the same has been properly executed and acknowledged by him and that the form of said deed is such that it conveys the above described property to the State of Ohio by fee simple title free and clear of all encumbrances except the taxes on said property for the year 1930. Said warranty deed was retained by the attorney for Bishop Hartley and the same is now in his hands. This deed should, of course, be delivered to you or to the auditor of state before the transaction for the purchase of this property is closed, by the issuance of the warrant covering the purchase price of the property.

Upon examination of Encumbrance Estimate No. 2082, I find that the same, after being properly approved, was signed by the Director of Finance under date of December 29, 1930. This encumbrance estimate shows that there is a sufficient balance in the appropriate account to pay the purchase price of said property, which purchase price is the sum of \$400.00. In said encumbrance estimate there is a recital that the money necessary to pay the purchase price of this property was released by the Board of Control under date of March 17, 1930.

I am herewith returning with my approval said abstract of title and encumbrance estimate No. 2082.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

2870.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN CUYAHOGA
COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 26, 1931.

HON. O. W. MERRELL, *Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

2871.

APPROVAL, LEASE TO RESERVOIR LAND AT LAKE ST. MARYS FOR USE
FOR COTTAGE SITE AND DOCKLANDING PURPOSES—H. W. SIFERD.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 26, 1931.

HON. I. S. GUTHERY, *Director of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication, submitted through the division of conservation in your department, by which there is