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APPROVAL, LEASE TO VACANT LOT IN CITY OF COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, FOR USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 6, 1930.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination and opinion a lease in quadruplicate between R. B. Cochrane of Columbus, Ohio, as lessor, and the State of Ohio, acting by and through Albert T. Connar, Superintendent of Public Works of the State of Ohio, as lessee, for and on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, for a vacant lot, subject to an easement, on the east side of South Third Street, and being the first vacant lot north of East Main Street, in the city of Columbus, Ohio. The term of the lease is from the first day of February, 1930, to the thirty-first day of January, 1931, and the lease calls for a rental of \$60.00 per month, payable in advance, between the first and tenth day of the month.

You have also submitted a direct purchase order, with the certificate of the Director of Finance thereon to show that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated sufficient to pay the first two months rental.

Finding said lease in proper legal form, I hereby approve the same, and am returning it to you herewith, together with the direct purchase order.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

1498.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND ROBERT S. HARSH AND ASSOCIATES, INC., COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL BUILDING, OHIO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHANS' HOME, XENIA, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$4,125.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 6, 1930.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, *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, and Robert S. Harsh and Associates, Inc., Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers architectural services in connection with Vocational Training School Building, Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, Xenia, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure estimated at four thousand, one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$4,125.00).

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 also submitted a certificate from the Controlling Board to the effect that said board has properly consented to and approved the expenditure of moneys to cover this contract from an appropriation made by the 88th General Assembly in House Bill 510 for such purposes as stated above.

You have further submitted a certificate of authorization from the board of trustees of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home to enter into the contract.

Finding said contract 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,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

1499.

INITIATIVE PETITION—PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
—SIGNATURES OBTAINED PRIOR TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW
ELECTION LAW VALID—ADDITIONAL NAMES MAY BE ADDED
TO COPY OF SUCH PETITION FILED IN 1929.

SYLLABUS:

1. *In the event an initiative petition proposing an amendment to the Constitution has been circulated in the year 1929, and a number of signatures then secured thereto, such signatures if secured in accordance with the laws then in force and effect may be considered sufficient and counted in determining the requisite number of signatures upon such petition when filed in 1930.*

2. *When copy of such petition was filed in 1929, under the provisions of Section 5175-29c, General Code, as then in force and effect, additional signatures may now be secured to such petition.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 7, 1930.

HON. CLARENCE J. BROWN, *Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of recent date is as follows:

“Will you kindly render your opinion upon the following:—

1. In the event an initiative petition proposing an amendment to the Constitution has been circulated in the year 1929, and a number of signatures secured thereto in accordance with the laws then in force and effect, may such signatures be considered sufficient and counted in determining the requisite number of signatures upon such petition when filed in 1930?

2. When copy of such petition was filed in 1929, under the provisions of Section 5175-29c, General Code, as then in force and effect, may additional signatures be now secured to such petition?”

Steps which have already been taken toward the submission of the question to the electors are under authority of Section 1a of Article II of the Constitution, which is as follows:

“The first aforesaid power reserved by the people is designated the initiative and the signatures of ten per centum of the electors shall be required upon a petition to propose an amendment to the constitution. When a petition signed by the aforesaid required number of electors, shall have been filed with the secretary of state, and verified as herein provided, proposing an amendment to the constitution, the full text of which shall have been set forth in such petition, the Secretary of State shall submit for the approval or rejection of the electors, the proposed amendment, in the manner hereinafter provided, at the next succeeding regular or general