

Although a strong moral case could be made for employes of county and municipal institutions who are paid a wage less than a "fair wage", as that term is used in Section 154-45d8, General Code, we are bound in interpreting the statutes to give heed to the expressions of the legislature and in this case, with the aforesaid Section 18 of House Bill 681 before me, I am of the opinion that the conclusion is inescapable that the State of Ohio, counties and municipalities are not amenable to the Minimum Wage Law.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL—BONDS OF LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO, \$5,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 16, 1938.

*The Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

GENTLEMEN :

RE: Bonds of Lucas County, Ohio, \$5,000.00.

The above purchase of bonds appears to be part of an issue of bonds of the above county dated September 1, 1935. The transcript relative to this issue was approved by this office in an opinion rendered to the Teachers Retirement System under date of July 15, 1936, being Opinion No. 5843.

It is accordingly my opinion that these bonds constitute valid and legal obligations of said county.

Respectfully,

HERBERT S. DUFFY,

*Attorney General.*