

4302.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF CENTER RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CARROLL COUNTY, OHIO, \$2800.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 29, 1935.

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

4303.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO, \$30,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 29, 1935.

State Employes Retirement Board, Columbus, Ohio.

4304.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF NEW PHILADELPHIA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO, \$12,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 29, 1935.

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

4305.

DISAPPROVAL, PETITION PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 31, 1935.

MR. HERBERT S. BIGELOW, 811 *Odd Fellows Temple Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination a written petition signed by one hundred qualified electors of this state, in accordance with Section 4785-175, General Code, whereby it is proposed to amend Article II of the Constitution of Ohio by adding thereto Section 1-h, which shall read as follows:

“At any primary election in the even numbered years, and at any general election in November, any proposed law may be submitted to a direct vote,

on petition of fifty thousand (50,000) electors at large, and enacted without being submitted to the General Assembly. Primary elections where citizens may be called upon to vote on referendum issues shall be open to all voters. The party tickets at such primary elections shall be printed on a common ballot sheet. No voter may be asked to declare his party affiliation, but may vote in secret the ticket of his choice, and may vote on different tickets, but may not vote for a candidate for the same office on more than one ticket. All percentages required by other sections of this Article on initiative and referendum petitions are hereby reduced one half, and petitions need not show the ward and precinct, but merely the voting address of signers. All provisions of this section are self-enforcing. The Secretary of State shall execute all of said provisions in accordance with existing law, or by executive order as may be necessary, and without the authority of an act of the General Assembly."

The summary of this amendment reads as follows:

"The Amendment proposed by this petition permits referendum voting at primary elections in the even numbered years; provides for the direct form of the initiative on proposed laws, on petition of 50,000 electors; reduces by half the percentages required on initiative and referendum petitions; eliminates the requirement that petitions must indicate the ward and precinct of signers; and provides for greater freedom of voting at primary elections as follows: Primary elections where citizens may be called upon to vote on referendum issues shall be open to all voters. The party tickets at such primary elections shall be printed on a common ballot sheet. No voter may be asked to declare his party affiliation, but may vote in secret the ticket of his choice, and may vote on different tickets, but may not vote for a candidate for the same office on more than one ticket. The amendment is self-enforcing and the Secretary of State is directed to carry out its provisions without waiting for enabling legislation."

The summary states that the amendment proposed permits referendum voting at the primary elections in the even numbered years, whereas the amendment does not provide for referendum voting at such primary elections, but only provides that any proposed law which is submitted to a vote of the electors on petition of fifty thousand (50,000) electors may be voted on at any primary election in the even numbered years. For this reason, I am unable to certify that the summary which you have submitted to me is a fair and truthful statement of the above proposed amendment.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

4306.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF NORTH CANTON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
STARK COUNTY, OHIO, \$2,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 31, 1935.

Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.