

Prior to the enactment of the Election Laws of the State of Ohio by the 88th General Assembly, this language was contained in Section 4961, General Code, which provided as follows:

“Within fifteen days after their selection all such state and county central committees shall meet and organize by the election of a chairman and secretary, and shall elect an executive committee.”

Administrative interpretation of a law, when long continued, may not be disregarded and set aside unless judicial construction makes it imperative so to do. *Industrial Commission vs. Brown*, 92 O. S. 309, 311; *State, ex rel. vs. Brown*, 121 O. S. 73, 76. In the earlier case of *State, ex rel. vs. Graves*, 89 O. S. 24, involving the powers of a county central committee when no executive committee has been selected, the Supreme Court similarly followed long established administrative practice in interpreting the law pertaining to county central committees.

In view of the foregoing and in specific answer to your question, it is my opinion that an elected county central committee may not legally select as its chairman a person not an elected member thereof.

Respectfully,  
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4433.

APPROVAL, NOTES OF ASHLEY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO—\$3,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 18, 1932.

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

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4434.

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS—AMENDED SENATE BILL NO. 4—HOW SUCH FUNDS MAY BE USED.

*SYLLABUS:*

1. *Funds collected under the provisions of section 4 of Amended Senate Bill No. 4, passed March 31, 1932, shall be allocated and paid to all the counties in the state in accordance with the method outlined in section 5 of said act regardless of whether or not said counties have issued bonds for poor relief.*

2. *Moneys so paid to said counties shall be held in trust in a special fund of the county as provided in section 6 of said act.*

3. *Money so allocated to a county which is not required for retirement of poor relief bonds may be used for the poor relief purposes as provided in sections*