

lease in triplicate by which you, as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department, are leasing and demising to one Floyd Loomis a certain parcel of abandoned Hocking canal lands in Green Township, Hocking County, Ohio, and which parcel of land is more particularly described in said lease. The lease here in question is executed pursuant to the authority of Section 14152-3 of the General Code, and of Sections 13965, et seq., General Code. The stated term of said lease is fifteen years. Considered as a lease for the stated term of fifteen years, the lease here in question is in conformity with the above noted and other sections of the General Code relating to leases of this kind.

The lease contains the provision granting to the lessee a right to renew said lease for a like term of years upon the expiration of the proposed lease, subject to reappraisal by proper State authorities at the time of such renewal. I am quite clearly of the opinion that there is no statutory authority whatever for the insertion of this provision with respect to the lessee's right to renew the said lease. Being unauthorized, and therefore void, said provision with respect to the lessee's right of removal does not of course affect any of the other provisions of the lease. Said provision being void as a matter of law, the lessee cannot of course secure any rights against the State by reason of any reliance thereon. In this view, and considering this lease as one only for the stated term of fifteen years, I see no reason why I should not approve the same. With this understanding, said lease is approved, and I am endorsing my approval thereon, and on the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF JACKSON, JACKSON COUNTY—\$9,019.57.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 1, 1929.

*Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

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375.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF WINCHESTER VILLAGE, ADAMS COUNTY—  
\$4,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 1, 1929.

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