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1819.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF NEWCOMERSTOWN, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY—86,917.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 1, 1930.

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

1820.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN HAMILTON COUNTY.

Columbus, Ohio, May 2, 1930.

HON. ROBERT N. WAID, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

1821.

ELECTION LAW—PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ALL PETITIONS OF HIS PARTY'S CANDIDATES FOR A GIVEN OFFICE.

SYLLABUS:

A person may sign the petition provided in Section 4785-72, General Code, of more than one candidate of such person's political party for a given office.

Columbus, Ohio, May 2, 1930.

Hon. Clarence J. Brown, Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of recent date is as follows:

"I will appreciate it very much if you will give me an official opinion as to the interpretation of Section 4785-72 of the General Code on the following question:

Has an elector the right to sign more than one petition accompanying the Declaration of Candidacy for the same office? Or, placing the question in other language, may an elector legally sign the petition of A as a candidate for the nomination for prosecuting attorney and then afterwards sign the petition of B who is also a candidate for the nomination for prosecuting attorney, and have the signatures on both petitions count as a part of the required number in order that the candidate may file?

If such a right is not given the elector, would such signatures invalidate the petition signed, or would simply the names signed be declared insufficient and stricken from the petition?

Or, if such signatures are stricken from the petition reducing the number