

In view of the language used by the Supreme Court of Ohio, in the case above referred to, and the similarity in language between the section of the code construed in that case and Section 5649-9b, General Code, I question seriously whether publication of a notice of an election for any period less than four full weeks, or twenty-eight days, is a proper compliance with the statutory requirement.

In view of the foregoing, I am compelled to advise you not to purchase the above issue of bonds.

Respectfully,  
EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION AND SALES COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACT FOR "COTTAGES 2 AND 3," HAWTHORNDEN FARM, CLEVELAND STATE HOSPITAL, CLEVELAND, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$6,644.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE DETROIT FIDELITY AND SURETY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 29, 1927.

HON. GEORGE F. SCHLESINGER, *Director of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, for and on behalf of the Department of Public Welfare, and The Electric Construction and Sales Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of electrical contract for "Cottages 2 and 3," Hawthornden Farm, Cleveland State Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of six thousand, six hundred and forty-four dollars (\$6,644.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have also submitted a contract bond upon which the Detroit Fidelity and Surety Company appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,  
EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*