

where the agreement is a contract of purchase rather than a contract of lease, the law requires competitive bidding when the amount involved is in excess of five hundred dollars.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTIONS ON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN
HURON COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 16, 1929.

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

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JUVENILE COURT—JURISDICTION OVER DEPENDENT CHILDREN
FOUND IN COUNTY—RESIDENCE OF SUCH CHILDREN OR THEIR
PARENTS IMMATERIAL.

SYLLABUS:

A juvenile court has jurisdiction to declare any child to be a dependent which is found within the county under facts and circumstances which constitute dependency. The legal residence of the child or its parents or those standing in loco parentis do not determine the jurisdiction of the court.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 17, 1929.

HON. H. H. GRISWOLD, *Director of Public Welfare, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—In your recent communication you request my opinion on the following:

"1. An inmate of the Institution for Feeble-Minded was granted trial visit from the institution to a home in a county other than the county from which she was committed. During this trial visit she gave birth to an illegitimate child conceived during the period of trial visit, the father of the child presumably being a resident of the county in which the mother was living and in which the child was born. The parentage of the child, however, can not be definitely established. The mother is of age and had been absent from the institution for about three years although not discharged. The child is a dependent child, the mother being unable to support it. It is understood that although the mother is a ward of the State, this department has