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APPROVAL, BONDS OF ZANE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOGAN COUNTY, \$1,434.35, TO FUND CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 31, 1924.

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

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DISAPPROVAL, BONDS OF NEW MADISON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DARKE COUNTY, \$3,150.34.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 30, 1924.

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

Re: Bonds of New Madison Village School District, Darke County, \$3,150.34.

Gentlemen:—

Transcript for the above bond issue provides for issue of bonds under the provisions of House Bill No 599. The state auditor's certificate recites that the net floating indebtedness on July 1, 1924, was in the sum of \$3,150.34, for which amount it is sought to issue the bonds.

Section 5655-3 G. C., part of House Bill No. 599, provides that:

“* * * Such bonds or notes shall be full general obligations of the school district and shall be divided into sixteen substantially equal semi-annual installments the first installment falling due on February 1, 1924, and subsequent installments falling due every six months thereafter, the final installments to fall due on August 1, 1931.”

The bond resolution in this case provides for the division of the indebtedness in the sum of \$3,150.34, into fourteen semi-annual installments, with the first maturity on February 1, 1925, and the last maturity on August 1, 1931.

This is in violation of the provisions of the statute as to the division of the indebtedness into semi-annual payments, and as to the maturities thereof. It is true that the date of the first maturity must necessarily have been subsequent to February 1, 1924, for the reason that the bond resolution was not passed until July 7, 1924, however, the indebtedness must be divided into sixteen semi-annual payments; the first could be made payable at the time of the issuance of the bonds.

As it is necessary for strict compliance with the statute in these respects, I am compelled to disapprove this issue and advise you not to purchase the same.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,

Attorney General.