

untrammelled, and that the details, as they relate to the manner or mode of holding elections are expressly referred to legislative discretion."

In providing for controlling committees to conduct the affairs of political parties, the legislature of Ohio recognizes the theory of government through political parties. That is, it has recognized political parties and provided for their organization and control.

The controlling committees of the political parties created by the legislature are a part of the election system of the state, and they deal with party affairs and the nomination and election of the officers provided by law. This is a proper exercise of the legislature's power.

When the people of the United States adopted the 19th Amendment to the Federal Constitution they provided that the right of citizenship and the right to vote should not be denied or abridged on account of sex. The legislation proposed in no way interferes with that provision, but is a proposal to carry out the spirit of the amendment to insure to both sexes proper representation upon one of the controlling committees of each political party.

I find no constitutional provision or right which would be infringed or in any way abridged by this proposed legislation.

I am therefore of the opinion that the legislature has authority to provide that the state central committee of each party shall consist of two members from each congressional district and to provide that one of said members shall be a man and the other a woman.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER,

*Attorney General.*

248.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE C. M. ROBINSON COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, TO CONSTRUCT COLD STORAGE ROOMS AND EQUIPMENT (EXCLUSIVE OF CONCRETE FLOORS, TILE MASONRY OR PAINTING) FOR PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL, BUREAU OF JUVENILE RESEARCH, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AT EXPENSE OF \$2,156.00. SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE STANDARD ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 28, 1927.

HON. HERBERT B. BRIGGS, *State Architect and Engineer, 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 the Department of Public Welfare and The C. M. Robinson Co., of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of "General Contract for Cold Storage Rooms and Equipment (exclusive of concrete floors, tile masonry, or painting), Psychopathic Hospital, Bureau of Juvenile Research, Columbus, Ohio, as set forth in Item 1, of the proposal dated March 1, 1925, which specifications, drawings and proposal are made a part of this contract" and calls for an expenditure of \$2,156.00.

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 this contract. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon

which the Standard Accident Insurance 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 workmen's compensation have been complied with. However, the contract has been signed on the part of The C. M. Robinson Co. "By H. B. Drillot, Manager." You should require The C. M. Robinson Co. to furnish you with a letter or other satisfactory evidence showing that H. B. Drillot was authorized to sign the contract on the part of said company.

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

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

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249.

APPROVAL, BOND FOR FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES—HENRY  
W. WALSH.

*SYLLABUS:*

*Approval bond of Henry W. Walsh, for faithful performance of his duties as resident deputy state highway commissioner for division No. 8.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 29, 1927.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my consideration an official bond of Henry W. Walsh, given in accordance with the requirements of Section 1182 of the General Code, for the faithful performance of his duties as resident deputy state highway commissioner for division No. 8.

To this bond is attached a certificate of the surety company to the effect that the person signing said bond in behalf of said company is its attorney in fact, and is authorized to sign an official bond of this nature binding said company.

It has been ascertained by this department that the said surety company is authorized to transact its business of fidelity and surety insurance in this state.

Finding said bond in proper legal form and properly executed I have noted my approval thereon, and return the same herewith to you.

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