

The summary of this act reads as follows:

"The present law of Ohio provides that at each general election held in even numbered years the people in each county shall elect a county treasurer, a county recorder, a sheriff, a coroner, a clerk of the court of common pleas, and a prosecuting attorney, each for a term of two years. House Bill No. 603, passed by the 91st General Assembly on March 26, 1936, amends that law and provides that county treasurers, county recorders, sheriffs, coroners, clerks of the court of common pleas and prosecuting attorneys shall be elected for terms of four years."

I am of the opinion that the foregoing is a fair and truthful statement of House Bill 603 and accordingly submit for uses provided by law the following certification:

"I hereby certify that the foregoing summary is a fair and truthful statement of House Bill 603 of the 91st General Assembly, first special session. JOHN W. BRICKER, Attorney General."

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL—CANAL LAND LEASE TO LAND IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO—HATTIE M. THORNTON OF PIQUA, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 23, 1936.

HON. CARL G. WAHL, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR: This is to acknowledge the receipt of your recent communication with which you submit for my examination and approval a canal land lease in triplicate executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said Department, acting for the State of Ohio, to one Hattie M. Thornton of Piqua, Ohio. By this lease, which is one for a stated term of fifteen years and which provides for an annual rental of \$21.00 payable in semi-annual installments of \$10.50 each, there is leased and demised to the lessee above named the right to occupy and use for cottage site and agricultural purposes that portion of the abandoned

Miami and Erie Canal property, including the full width of the bed and banks of said canal, located in Washington Township, Miami County, Ohio, and described as follows:

Beginning at a line drawn at right angles to the transit line of the H. E. Whitlock survey of said canal property through Station 7930, of the said survey, and running thence southerly with the lines of said canal property, seven hundred (700') feet, as measured along said transit line to Station 7937, and containing one and four-tenths (1.4) acres, more or less, and being the northerly line of a lease granted to Joseph F. Claughton, under date of July 26, 1932.

This lease is one executed by you under the authority of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 194, 114 O. L., 546, which was enacted by the 89th General Assembly under date of April 29, 1931, and which went into effect on the 6th day of August, 1931. Assuming that no part of the above described parcel of land has been designated by the Director of Highways as land necessary for highway purposes as provided for in section 6 of said act (sec. 14178-32, G. C.) and assuming further that no application for the lease of this parcel of land or of any part thereof for park purposes has been made by any municipal corporation, other political subdivision or municipal park board under the provisions of section 13 of this act (sec. 14178-39, G. C.), I am of the opinion that you were authorized to execute this lease for the term and for the rental therein provided for, under the provisions of section 19 of the act (sec. 14178-45, G. C.).

Upon examination of the lease, I find that the same has been properly executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said Department, acting for the state of Ohio, and by Hattie M. Thornton, the lessee therein named. I further find that the provisions of this lease and the conditions and restrictions therein contained are in conformity with the act of the Legislature above referred to and with other statutory provisions relating to leases of this kind. I am accordingly approving this lease as to legality and form, as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.