

lected or appointed to qualify within ten days after the organization of the board or of his appointment, removal from the district or absence from meetings of the board for a period of ninety days, if such absence is caused by reasons declared insufficient by a two-thirds vote of the remaining members of the board, which vote must be taken and entered upon the records of the board not less than thirty days after such absence. Any such vacancy shall be filled by the board at its next regular or special meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, by election for the unexpired term. A majority vote of all the remaining members of the board may fill any such vacancy."

Inasmuch as section 4748 is the only section in any wise applying to the filling of a vacancy in a county board of education, I am of the opinion that such a vacancy can only be filled in compliance with the provisions of such section, that is, such vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of all the remaining members of the board.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, OIL AND GAS LEASE TO THE EMPIRE GAS AND FUEL COMPANY, FIFTY ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN HOLMES COUNTY, SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 14, RANGE 13, BEING PART OF CIVIL TOWNSHIP OF PRAIRIE OF HOLMES COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 20, 1924.

HON. JOSEPH T. TRACY, *Auditor of State, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval an oil and gas lease granted by you to The Empire Gas and Fuel Company, upon fifty acres of land situated in the County of Holmes, Section 27, Township 14, Range 13, being a part of the civil township of Prairie of said county.

Finding said lease in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.