4500.

APPROVAL, NOTES OF MAPLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO—\$10,000.00.

Columbus, Ohio, July 13, 1932.

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

4501.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 15, 1932.

HON. O. W. MERRELL, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

4502.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE ARMSTRONG CORK AND INSULATION COMPANY OF LANCASTER, PA., FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF INSULATION FOR ICE PLANT, STOREROOM AND EQUIPMENT, AT THE DAYTON STATE HOSPITAL, DAYTON, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$1,375.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 16, 1932.

HON. T. S. BRINDLE, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works, for the Department of Public Welfare, and the Armstrong Cork and Insulation Company of Lancaster, Pennsylvan'a, and Cincinnati, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for Insulation for Ice Plant, Storeroom and Equipment, Dayton State Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, in accordance with the form of proposal dated May 23, 1932. Said contract calls for an expenditure of one thousand, three hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$1,375.00).

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 the contract. You have also shown that the Controlling Board and Emergency Board have approved the expenditure in accordance with Section 8 of House Bill No. 624, of the 89th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the United States Fidelity and Guaranty 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

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required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with. Finally, a certificate of the Secretary of State shows that the above contracting foreign corporation is authorized to do business in Ohio.

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

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

4503.

APPROVAL, PETITION FOR PROPOSED LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE GRANTING OF AID TO AGED PERSONS IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 16, 1932.

HON. H. S. KEIFER, Attorney-at-Law, Fahien-Tehan Bldg., Springfield, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination a written petition signed by more than one hundred qualified electors of this state, containing a proposed law and a summary thereof, under the provisions of Section 4785-175, General Code. This proposed law is to provide for the granting of aid to aged persons in the State of Ohio under certain conditions, as set forth in the full text of this proposed law, which is attached to this opinion and made a part hereof.

The summary of this proposed law reads as follows:

"This proposed law provides that the State of Ohio shall grant and pay aid to any person who has reached the age of 65 years, who is unable to support himself (or herself) and whose income from all sources does not exceed \$300.00 per year, provided he (or she) has been a resident of Ohio and a citizen of the United States at least 15 years and a resident of the county at least one year immediately preceding application; is not an inmate of a penal or correctional institution or state hospital; has not during the period of 15 years deserted or without just cause failed to support his wife or children under 15 years of age, for a period of six months or more, (or, if a wife, deserted her husband or children under the age of 15 years); has not property of a net value, less all encumbrances and liens, in excess of \$3000.00, or if married, the net value of the combined property of husband and wife does not exceed \$4000.00; and has no husband, wife, child or other person who is able to support him (or her) and who is responsible by law for his (or her) support.

The aid is not to exceed \$25.00 per month, and is to be reduced so that the total income of the person from all sources shall not exceed \$300.00 per year, and, if married, so that the combined income of husband and wife from all sources shall not exceed \$600.00 per year. If an applicant, or his or her husband or wife, own property, the property is to be considered as having an income of 5% of its value, and the aid reduced accordingly. Applications for aid must