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## APPROVAL, BONDS OF SENECAVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GUERNSEY COUNTY, TO CONSTRUCT A FIREPROOF SCHOOL BUILDING, \$48,000.00.

## COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 15, 1923.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

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## SECRETARY OF STATE—CONTRACT FOR PRINTING AUTOMOBILE LISTS—CERTIFICATE OF FINANCE DIRECTOR NECESSARY—RE-QUIRED TO FURNISH MONTHLY LISTS.

1. A contract entered into by the Secretary of State for the printing of automobile lists, under the provisions of section 6299, when the certificate of the Director of Finance under the provisions of sections 2288-2 has not been obtained, is invalid.

2. Under the provision of section 6299 as enacted in 107 O. L., it is required that the secretary of state cause lists, showing owners of all registered automobiles, in Ohio, to be furnished monthly to the auditors of the counties of the state. Whether or not extra lists, are to be printed and furnished is a matter wholly within the discretion of the Secretary of State.

3. Whether or not the provisions of section 6294 of the General Code as enacted in 109 O. L., accomplishes the same objects and purposes of the original law and repeals the former by implication, is a question that the department cannot decide in the absence of a judicial interpretation.

4. The method whereby a copy of the registration certificate is furnished to the county auditor is not a strict compliance with either section 6294 or 6299. Whether such practice is a substantial compliance with the requirements of either section or both is another question, which cannot be definitely decided without a judicial interpretation.

5. Under section 6304 it still remains the mandatory duty of the Secretary of State to furnish monthly lists to the county clerk indicating the chauffeurs who' have registered in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 15, 1923.

HON. THAD H. BROWN, Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:-In your recent communication you request my opinion as follows:

"Information is desired at the earliest practicable date as to whether or not it is necessary for the Secretary of State, under the law as it now stands in Ohio, to have lists of automobile registrants printed.