**OPINIONS** 

1403.

## APPROVAL, BONDS OF MORGAN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DIS-TRICT, BUTLER COUNTY—\$25,000.00.

## COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 19, 1927.

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

1404.

## OFFICERS—MAYOR OF CLEVELAND IS OFFICER WHOSE SALARY CANNOT BE DIMINISHED OR INCREASED DURING TERM OF OFFICE.

SYLLABUS:

A mayor of the city of Cleveland, being in the unclassified civil service and having been appointed for a definite term, is, under the provisions of Section 173 of said city's charter, an officer whose salary cannot be increased or diminished during the term for which he was appointed.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 19, 1927.

Bureau of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices, Columbus, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN :- This will acknowledge receipt of your communication as follows :

"Section 10 of the Cleveland charter as amended November 8, 1921, reads:

'At its first meeting in January following a regular municipal election the council shall choose one of its members as president who shall have the title of mayor. The mayor shall preside at meetings of the council and perform such other duties consistent with his office as may be imposed by the council. He shall be recognized as the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for the purpose of serving civil process, and by the governor for military purposes. In time of public danger or emergency he may, with the consent of the council take command of the police, maintain order and enforce the law. If a vacancy occur in the office of mayor, or in case of his absence or disability, the council shall choose another of its members to act as mayor for the unexpired term or during the continuance of the absence or disability.'

Section 173 of the charter reads:

'The salary or compensation of officers and employes in the classified service of the city shall be established by ordinance as provided by Section

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