

stitution appears to cover the subject-matter of your inquiry, and in effect provides that county officers shall be elected by the people and that their duties and compensation shall be prescribed by law.

It has been a custom of the legislature, in passing acts affecting terms and compensations of the various State and county officers, to carry a provision in such acts that they shall not become effective until the expiration of the terms then being served, but, in view of the provision of the Constitution as above reverred to, it appears that the time of making such acts effective would be entirely within the discretion of the legislative body.

The Attorney General is not authorized to officially advise in matters of this kind. This is merely to assist in arriving at a proper conclusion in the premises, which I shall take pleasure in doing at any time.

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, NOT AUTHORIZED TO BORROW MONEY FROM SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Tallahassee, Fla., March 15, 1917.

My dear Sir:

Yours of recent date has been received.

Replying to same will say that there is no statute in this State specifically authorizing the board of public instruction of a county in this State to borrow money from a special tax school district. Neither is there a statute authorizing such a district to loan any funds that it may have to its credit at any time.

The Attorney General is not authorized to officially advise in reference to a matter of this kind and, therefore, this letter cannot be regarded as an official expression from this office.

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.

OFFICERS, HOLDING COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL
AT SAME TIME.

Tallahassee, Fla., March 19, 1917.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th instant has been received. I note your inquiry as follows:

"Am writing you for little information in regards to county officer holding office under bond can he hold office in city. That is to say can a justice of the peace hold office as Mayor in town. As our town election comes off in April and my friends want me to run for the office.

"The Mayor is not under any bond in the city it seems to me that it would be legal to hold both."

There is nothing in the law in this State which forbids a person holding the office of mayor of the town and justice of the peace at the same time.

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.