

The filing fees, however, are fixed by Section 24 of this statute at three per cent. of the annual salary or compensation of the office sought. The amount of this filing fee is of course a matter of calculation, and in case of the office of County Solicitor should, in my judgment, be fixed at three per cent. of the approximate gross income of the office. The local committee I suppose will make this estimate so as to be able to notify all candidates for the office what the amount of the filing fee is.

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

I am returning herewith the report of the office of Tax Assessor which was forwarded to me in your letter.

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,
Attorney General.

FINAL DATE OF REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 1, 1916.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 29th ult. has been received. I note your inquiry, as follows:

"I am writing you relative to registering voters after today. I note in the Bryan Primary Election Laws that today is the last day that I am allowed to register anyone for the June primary election. Mr. West, I am satisfied that you are well aware that this time of the year is the busiest time for the farmers, as they are now arranging for their crop and for that reason there are about 200 or 300 that have been unable to come in and register or go to the district registration officer. I am asking for

your advice as to whether it will be legal for me to register anyone up to the 13th day of May. I will appreciate it if you will immediately, upon receipt of this letter, wire me your answer."

Section 10 of the statute referred to, as amended by the Legislature at the regular session of 1915, provides that:

"It is hereby made the duty of the Supervisor of Registration of each county in this State, *between* March 1, 1914, and May 1, 1914, and biennially between corresponding dates thereafter, to keep the registration books of the county open," etc.

This statute fixes the time during which the registration books for primary elections shall be open, and you, as Supervisor of Registration of the county, would not, in my opinion, be authorized to keep the registration books open until May 13, as you suggest. As long as this statute is in force, no one has authority to change or waive any of its provisions. This can be done only by the Legislature which enacted it. If you should continue the books open for the period suggested, the result probably would be to invalidate the primary election in the county.

The only thing for an officer to do is to comply with the law which prescribes his duty, and if the law operates harshly the Legislature should be asked to modify it so as to meet the needs of the situation and the wishes of the people.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.