

BOARDS OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MAY BORROW MONEY.

Tallahassee, Fla., June 20, 1917.

My dear Sir:

I have your communication of June 16th, relative to the authority of boards of public instruction in this State to borrow money, and in reply beg to advise that such authority is now limited as provided in Chapter 6828, Acts of 1915. This act in effect provides that any board of public instruction in this State may borrow money to discharge any and all obligations existing prior to July 1, A. D. 1915, and, in addition to discharging such obligations, the act carries the further provision that any board of public instruction may borrow for current expenses in each year a sum not to exceed 80 per cent of the amount estimated by them to be required for the maintenance of the necessary common schools of their county for the next ensuing scholastic year, which must be based on the estimate as made by the board as required in sub-section 14, of Section 347, of the General Statutes of Florida.

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.