

REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY—CITIZENSHIP
AND RESIDENCE.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 19, 1916.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th inst. has been received and noted.

These cases, as you know, depend largely on the facts. I would say that if the party about whom you write was away from the State only temporarily and never intended to change his residence from the State and establish a residence elsewhere, but at all times while out of the State intended to return and retain his residence and citizenship in the State, as seems to be the case from your letter, he would be entitled to register and vote in this State.

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

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,
Attorney General.

SELECTION OF INSPECTORS FOR PRIMARY
ELECTIONS—PARTY AFFILIATIONS.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1916.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 18 instant has been received and noted.

There are a great many hard nuts to crack in the application of the primary election law, and this question of the revision of the registration books is one of them.

As originally drafted and adopted, this statute provided for a bennial registration, that-is-to-say, a registration of each elector in each election year. Under this

rule there would be no reason for a revision of the registration books, as no one would be entitled to vote who failed to register bennially as required by law.

Slight changes were made in this statute by amendments at the last last session of the legislature, but these changes are not, in my judgment, sufficient to change this principle.

With regard to the selection of inspectors and clerks for the primary election it should be borne in mind that this is not a democratic primary, but a general primary in which all parties, as defined by the statute are required to participate. This being the case, it would hardly be proper for all inspectors and clerks to be selected from one party.

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

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.

FINAL DATE FOR MAKING COMMITTEE ASSESSMENTS UPON CANDIDATES.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29, 1916.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 28 instant has been received and noted.

By reference to Section 21 of the primary election law, you will note that assessments levied upon candidates must be made not later than March 15 of each year in which a primary election is to be held. I understand this to mean that, if the action of the committee is not taken on or before March 15, the assessment cannot be made.