

REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY, UPON OATH  
TAKEN BEFORE TAX COLLECTOR, AFTER  
BOOKS CLOSED, UNAUTHORIZED.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 5, 1916.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 3d inst. has been received and noted.

Under Section 10 of the Primary Election Law, as amended in 1915, anyone who is otherwise qualified can take the oath prescribed before the Tax Collector upon payment of his poll taxes at any time, but this, in my opinion, does not authorize the Supervisor of Registration of the county to enter the name of the person making the affidavit upon the registration books of the county for primary elections at any time except during the time when the books are open as required by law. If a person could register in this way, it would mean that the registration books as to this class of electors could never be closed, but must be kept open at all times.

In this view of the case, I do not see how the party mentioned can register for the primary election to be held on June 6 next, since the registration books were closed on the 29th ult. in compliance with the statute on the subject.

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

Yours very truly,

T. F. WEST,

Attorney General.