

Dances—Community Dance—Words and Phrases.

A community dance within the meaning of Chapter 131 of the Session Laws of 1929 is one which is given by the people of a community or neighborhood as a community or neighborhood project or function as distinguished from a dance that is given by an individual, individuals, association or corporation as his, their, or its enterprise.

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My dear Mr. Hawkins:

You have requested my opinion as to what constitutes a community dance within the meaning of Chapter 131, Laws of 1929.

The statute does not state what constitutes such a dance, and it is difficult to give any general definition that will define such a dance under all circumstances. Generally speaking, I am of the opinion that a community dance within the meaning of the statute is one which is given by the people of a community or neighborhood as a community or neighborhood project or function, as distinguished from a dance that is given by an individual, individuals, association or corporation as his, their, or its enterprise.

Whether or not any particular dance constitutes a community dance would depend upon the facts in each particular case, but generally speaking, I am of the opinion that the definition above stated is a sufficient rule for determining whether any particular dance is a community dance within the meaning of the law.

Very truly yours,
L. A. FOOT,
Attorney General.