

**Surety Bonds, of Officers. Premiums, on Official Bonds. Counties, to Pay Premiums on Official Bonds. Chapter 6, Laws 1911, Validity Of.**

The title of Chapter 6, Laws of 1911, is sufficiently definite to sustain the provisions of the act and in that respect, the act is valid.

September 18th, 1911.

Hon. A. J. Hindson, Chairman,  
Board of County Commissioners,  
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., in which you request an official opinion as to the validity of Chapter 6, Laws of 1911, and in which you question the validity of the act by reason of the title thereof being insufficient to sustain the provision contained in Section 3 of the act, that,

"The premium therefor shall be a proper charge against the general fund of the state, county or city."

It is not the policy of this department to declare an act of the legislature invalid unless the invalidity of the act is clearly apparent. When there is any doubt it should be resolved in favor of the validity of the act.

In view, therefore, of the foregoing and of the expression of the supreme court of the State of Montana in the case of *State vs. McKinney*, reported in 29 Mont. 375, it is my opinion that the act in question is valid and that the title sufficiently states the purpose of the act.

Yours very truly,  
ALBERT J. GALEN,  
Attorney General.