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Elections, Right to Vote At. Registration, Required For. Women, Registration Of.

Before women have the right to vote at elections named in Chapter 113, Laws of 1911, they must be registered in the same manner as men are required to register.

Nov. 11, 1911.

Hon. F. P. Leiper,

County Attorney, Glendive, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., in which you enclose a copy of an opinion given by you to the board of county commissioners of your county, in which you state that in your judgment, women are not required to register under the law of 1911 to entitle them to vote at a school election.

Sec. 35 of Chapter 113, Laws of 1911, provides, in part:

"No person shall be entitled to vote at any election mentioned in this act unless his name shall on the day of election appear in the copy of the official register or check list; etc."

No exception is made in the law of women, but every woman who votes at any election at which electors are required to be registered must be registered the same as men. However, this office has heretofore held that the registration required by said Chap. 113 does not apply to special school district elections, but has reference only to the annual school election; hence at special school district elections women are not required to register, neither are men. In other words, wherever the law requires the men to register as a pre-requisite qualification to vote, the women must also register.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General.

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