

**Elections, Printing Registry Lists For. Registry Lists for City Elections, How Printed. City Elections, Registry Lists For.**

Registry lists for city elections are part of the public printing, and should be printed by the printer with whom the county has a contract, the county being reimbursed by the city.

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Hon. R. C. Wiggernhorn,  
County Attorney,  
Red Lodge, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter inquiring as to whether the list of electors to be published by Section 17 of Chapter 122, Laws of 1915, are to be printed by the county printer, or the city printer? You state that you have reached the conclusion that the printing of the lists of electors is printing for which the county is chargeable, and is, therefore, properly awarded to the county, as all other public printing is. This conclusion is in harmony with my own views.

Chapter 122, Laws of 1915, which is the general registration law, designates the county clerk as the ex officio registrar of the county. What he does in registering electors is done by virtue of his position as such, and as a county officer. He is in no sense a city officer, and is not bound by any contracts which might be made by the city for printing. Since there is no specific provision regarding the printing of these lists, it is to be presumed that the legislature intended that they be handled in the same manner that ordinary public printing is.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that these lists are properly a charge against the county, to be printed by the paper holding the contract with the county for public printing, and for which the county is to be reimbursed by the city or school district for whose benefit the same is done.

Yours very truly,

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Attorney General.