Opinion No. 75

County Treasurer—Salary—Counties, Classification of.

HELD: A county treasurer whose term of office commenced when the county was of the sixth class is entitled to continue to the end of his term to receive the salary allowed a county treasurer of counties of the sixth class, even though the county has been reduced to the seventh class during his term of office.

February 9, 1933.

You have requested my opinion as to whether a county treasurer elected when the county was in the sixth class is entitled to continue to the end of his term on the salary of a sixth class county where, during his term, the county has been reduced to a seventh class county.

Section 31 of Article V of the Constitution is in part as follows: "Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, no law shall extend the term of any public officer, or increase or diminish his salary or emolument after his election or appointment * * *."

Under the provisions of this section of the Constitution your county treasurer is entitled to his salary on the same basis on which it was computed when he was elected.