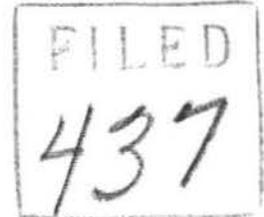


OPINION NO. 437  
ANSWERED BY LETTER

November 7, 1963



Honorable Don F. Whitcraft  
Prosecuting Attorney  
Cass County  
Harrisonville, Missouri

Dear Mr. Whitcraft:

This is in answer to your request that this office make an explanation as to the holding of the Attorney General in the attached opinion rendered to Honorable Hugh P. Williamson under date of May 20, 1948, insofar as it relates to several specific questions.

The holding of such opinion is insofar as counties are concerned in which election districts are designated by the county court is as follows:

1. In a city which is divided into wards, a committeeman and committeewoman is to be elected from each ward which is itself a voting precinct or which contains only several entire voting precincts.

2. If the ward lines in a city divided into wards are crossed by precinct lines, that is, if a precinct or precincts in such ward extend beyond the ward lines into either other wards or outside the city limits, the wards are not authorized to elect committeemen and committeewomen.

3. A township is entitled to elect a committeeman and committeewoman but if wards within cities within such township are authorized as in paragraph 1 above to elect committeemen and committeewomen, the part of a township outside such wards authorized to elect committeemen and committeewomen is authorized to elect a committeeman and committeewoman.

Very truly yours,

C. B. Burns, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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