

Opinion No. 14-1176

March 27, 1914

BY: H. S. CLANCY, Assistant Attorney General

TO: Honorable Jose Maria Garcia, Chief Justice of Precinct No. 17 and one of the Judges of Election thereof, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ELECTIONS.

Unregistered persons cannot vote at a city election.

OPINION

{*34} Complying with your oral request for the opinion of this office as to whether an unregistered person may vote at the election to be held in the City of Santa Fe on April 7, 1914, I respectfully call your attention to Sec. 2443, of the Compiled Laws of 1897, which provides at great length for the registration of voters at a city election, and then declares that "no person whose name is not so registered shall, **on any account**, be permitted to vote at such election."

A perusal of this law shows clearly and unmistakably that it was the intention of the learned law-makers of New Mexico to require the registration of all those who intended to vote at a city election, and to absolutely prohibit the voting of unregistered persons.

I am, sir, with great respect,