

**Opinion No. 14-1244**

June 12, 1914

**BY:** FRANK W. CLANCY, Attorney General

**TO:** Mr. Rupert F. Asplund, Chief Clerk, Department of Education, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**SCHOOLS.**

Contract with school teacher who is a relative of one of the school directors is not invalid.

**OPINION**

{\*107} I have received your letter of even date herewith, inclosing correspondence with the County Superintendent of Eddy County, and submitting the question raised by his communication with reference to the legality of a contract made with a teacher related to a member {\*108} of a school board, and you ask whether Section 7 of Chapter 119 of the Laws of 1903, as amended by Chapter 70 of the Laws of 1913, can be made to apply to the case described by the Superintendent.

I believe that you have fully stated all that can be said on this question in your letter to the Superintendent. There is no other statute which could apply, and the mere fact that the teacher employed is a relative of one of the school directors is not in itself enough to invalidate the contract. As you indicate, something more than that would be necessary to make the contract invalid.

I return herewith the papers which you inclosed.