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BY: EDWARD P. CHASE, Attorney General

TO: Mrs. Mamie Fowler, Village Clerk, Willard, New Mexico

At the request of the State Comptroller I am answering your inquiry relative to municipal elections.

You inquire whether the mayor should be elected or whether he is now appointed by the councilmen. Section 14-1501 of the 1941 Compilation provides that all elective officers of a municipality shall be elected for two years, except the members of the board of trustees, which shall be for a term of four years.

Section 14-1503 provides that in towns the board shall consist of one mayor, four other trustees and one recorder. It is thus apparent that the mayor is an elective officer and should be elected each two years at the time two other trustees are elected.

By C. C. McCULLOH,

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