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Cole L. Strickland, Chairman  
Abbeville County Election Commission  
425 Pecan Drive  
Calhoun Falls, South Carolina 29628

Dear Mr. Strickland:

Your letter addressed to Mr. Medlock has been referred to me for reply. You have stated that the Abbeville County Election Commission only pays you \$33.32 per month. It is my understanding from your letter and its attachments that you believe you should be paid more.

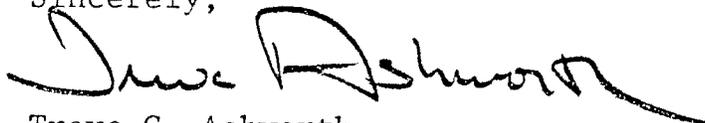
South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 7-23-10 as amended in 1983 requires the county election commissioner to be paid \$400.00 a year. My calculation is that you are presently being paid \$399.84 (\$33.32 X 12 = \$399.84), which is just sixteen cents short of the statutory amount. Although this approximates the statutory amount, the county may, if it chooses, further supplement this amount.

You seem to also indicate that the county is not paying the expenses of the election. Another section of the Code, Section 7-23-40, states that the

...governing bodies of the several counties shall audit and pay all accounts for necessary expenses incurred by the commissioners and managers of election for stationary, the making of election boxes, rents and similar expenses in elections held in this State.

Therefore, this statute would require the county to pay for these election expenses.

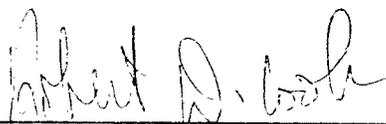
Sincerely,



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