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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. Ed McElveen, Jr.
Lee County Administrator
Lee County Courthouse
Bishopville, South Carolina 29010

Dear Mr. McElveen:

You have requested an opinion from this Office as to whether or not Lee County can supplement the solicitor's salary or expenses beyond the amount which he receives from the General Assembly. While the matter is not entirely free from doubt, in my opinion, it cannot.

The General Appropriations Act for 1976-77 provides for the solicitors' salaries and also for a monthly expense allowance of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars. 59 STAT. Act No. 709 at 1941-1943 (1976). In addition, Act No. 690 of 1976, the Judicial Reform Act, provides in part as follows:

. . . Each solicitor shall receive an annual salary and a monthly expense allowance as is provided by the General Assembly. 59 STAT. Act No. 690, Art. IX, § 1 at 1876 (1976).

To me, this language indicates that the solicitor's salary and expense allowance are to be provided exclusively by the State, to the exclusion of any supplements thereto.

With kindest regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson
Assistant Attorney General

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