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The Honorable Liston D. Barfield
Member, House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Barfield:

Your letter to Patty Petway has reached me for reply. Patty is away on maternity leave at present and I will attempt to respond to your inquiry. It appears that prior opinions of this Office answer your question. In an opinion dated April 15, 1983 it was determined

that the salary of the secretary of the legislative delegation is to be determined by the delegation and that the amount, so determined, must be included by the county council in the annual county budget.

This opinion referenced § 3 of Act No. 283, South Carolina Acts and Joint Resolutions, 1975. Such provision, as you are aware, provides that

county councils shall provide office space and appropriations for the operation of the county legislative delegation office including compensation for staff personnel.... The amount of such appropriations shall be determined by the legislative delegation and included in the annual county budget by the council. § 3, Act No. 283, South Carolina Acts and Joint Resolutions, 1975. (emphasis added)

A similar conclusion was reached in an opinion dated July 15, 1977. See, South Carolina Attorney General Opinion 77-222. Both of these opinions are included for your information.

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If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know. With kind regards, I remain

Very truly yours, -

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