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The Honorable Irene K. Rudnick
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Rudnick:

Your recent letter has been referred to me for reply. You have stated that the Chairman of the Election Commission for Aiken County has recently passed away and the position is now open to an appointment by the Legislative Delegation. You have inquired if the Delegation appoints the Chairman or if the County Election Commission would themselves choose their own Chairman.

South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 7-13-70 provides for the Governor to appoint upon the recommendation of the Senator and at least half of the members of the House of Representatives no less than three nor more than five commissioners of election for each county. Section 7-13-80 of the Code provides that "[t]he commissioners . . . at their first meeting . . . shall proceed to organize as a board by appointing one of their number chairman of the board." Therefore, the Commission members themselves would designate their own chairman.

Sincerely yours,

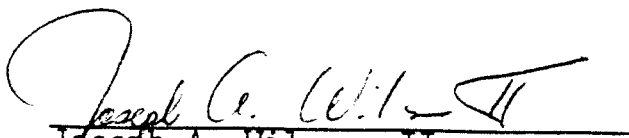
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Treva G. Ashworth
Senior Assistant Attorney General

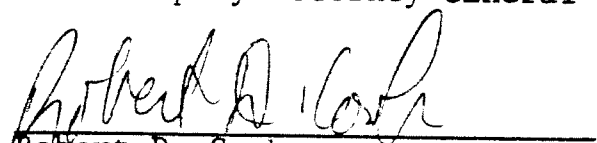
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