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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: Required Number of Voting Machines (CODE § 7-13-1680)**

James L. Bridges, Esquire
Deputy County Attorney
2 Courthouse Square
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Dear Mr. Bridges:

I am in receipt of your recent letter. You have stated that [Section 7-13-1680 of the SOUTH CAROLINA CODE](#), 1976, requires one voting machine for every three hundred and fifty (350) registered voters or a portion thereof. You have inquired if that provision would require the county to provide two voting machines in any precinct that has three hundred and fifty-one (351) registered voters.

[Section 7-13-1680](#) provides in part that:

[t]he governing body of any county or municipality providing voting machines at polling places for use at elections shall provide for such polling place at least one voting machine for each three hundred and fifty registered voters or portion thereof or as near thereto as may be practicable. [Emphasis added.]

It has been the prior opinion of this Office that this section allows some discretion and latitude in determining the number of voting machines to be utilized. 1967-68 Ops. Att'y Gen., No. 2503, p. 183 (copy enclosed).

Therefore it would not be necessary to supply a second machine to a precinct that has one more voter than the number set out by this statute.

Sincerely,

Treva G. Ashworth
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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