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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable Irene K. Rudnick
Member
House of Representatives
310-D Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Representative Rudnick:

In response to your request for an opinion from this Office regarding a change in the method by which the chairman of the Aiken County Council is selected, my opinion is that the recent amendment to [Section 4-9-10\(c\), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA](#), 1976, as amended, provides for a referendum to change the method of electing county council members. If such a referendum is held in Aiken County, the available options will be single-member election districts, at large and the current method of election [67 STAT. 2249 (1972)]. If the voters approve a change to either single-member election districts or at large without, at the same time, changing the number of council members, then the current chairman would henceforth be elected merely as one of seven council members (not as chairman) either from a single-member district or from the County at large depending on the method selected and approved by the United States Department of Justice.

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson
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