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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

February 22, 1979

\*1 Ms. Minnie G. Johnson  
Chairman  
Horry County Board of Registration  
First Avenue  
Conway, SC 29526

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversations of February 21 and 22. You have informed me that Horry County is having an election on March 20, 1979. You have stated that an announcement was made that even though February 19, 1979, was a legal holiday, you would be open to register persons desiring to vote in the upcoming election. On February 19, 1979, it snowed and you did not register any persons on that day. You have inquired if persons who registered on Tuesday would be able to vote in the upcoming election.

South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 7-5-150 states in part that  
[t]he registration books shall be closed thirty days before each election . . . and shall remain closed until such election shall have taken place . . .

Therefore, persons registering on Tuesday would not have registered thirty (30) days before the election. I am enclosing a copy of two letters written by former Assistant Attorney General Robert Brown both dated April 23, 1968, which further expound on the question that you have raised.

Very truly yours,

Treva G. Ashworth  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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