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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable John D. Bradley, III
Member
House of Representatives
1060 Northbridge Drive
Charleston, South Carolina 29407

Dear Representative Bradley:

In response to your request for an opinion from this Office regarding the method of electing the members of the St. Andrews Public Service District Commission, my opinion is that the fact that the residency districts statutorily provided for some of the members may reflect large population variances among the districts does not render in statute unconstitutional because all members are elected from the district at large. In other words, the United States Supreme Court has held that a population disparity among residency districts does not violate the one man one vote principle where the public officials are elected at large. See, [Dallas County, Alabama v. Reese](#), 421 U.S. 477 (1975); see also, [Vellin v. Kimbell](#), 519 F.2d 790 (4th Cir. 1975).

With kind regards,

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