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State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. James A. Stuckey, Jr.
Chairman
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2 Court House Square
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Dear Mr. Stuckey:

I have not been able to locate the opinion directed to Representative Bradley to which you refer in your letter of January 27, 1976; I am enclosing, however, a copy of an opinion directed to Speaker Emeritus Blatt which deals with the method of election for members of the county governing body which Barnwell County will employ after July 1, 1976, if it does not conduct a referendum pursuant to Section 14-3701(a) of Act No. 283 of 1975, the 'home rule' legislation.

Charleston County's present method of election is set forth in Act No. 94 of 1969 [56 STAT. Act No. 94 at 89 (1969)] and prescribes county-wide elections for all nine members of the County Council with a residency requirement placed on each of the nine members. If Charleston County does not conduct a referendum pursuant to Section 14-3701(a) of Act No. 283 of 1975 before July 1, 1976, then, beginning on that date, its form of government will be Form 3 as provided for in Part I, Article 4 of Act No. 283 and its method of election will be as provided for by Act No. 94 of 1969.

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson
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