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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 Mr. Charlie I. Crews  
Chairman  
County Council of Hampton County  
P.O. Box 103  
Hampton, SC 29924

Dear Mr. Crews:

I am in receipt of your recent letter. You have stated that three county council offices will expire December 31, 1978. These offices will, therefore, be open this election year. You have inquired how you would determine the winners of the June Democratic primary for these three seats.

In a primary, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast for the office for which he is a candidate. [Section 7-17-600 of the 1976 South Carolina Code](#) of Laws. Once a candidate wins the nomination of his political party in the primary, he is placed on the general election ballot. In the general election, it is only necessary to receive a plurality of the votes cast in order to win the election.

Very truly yours,

Treva G. Ashworth  
Assistant Attorney General

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