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*1 Mrs. Belle J. Kennette
Chairman
Greenwood County Election Commission
P. O. Box 517
Ware Shoals, SC 29692

Dear Mrs. Kennette:

Mr. Frank Sloan, Deputy Attorney General, has referred your recent inquiry to me. He has stated that you have been referred to us by the county attorney. You have asked the following question:

Is the County Election Commission compelled to use voting equipment that may be purchased by County under [Code § 7-13-1310](#), et seq., or may it continue to use paper ballots or present equipment already in use?

South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, [Section 7-13-1310](#) authorizes the governing body of any county with the approval of the legislative delegation to buy vote recorders upon the terms and conditions they may prescribe. Under the terms of this statute, the governing body and the legislative delegation of the county is given the power to determine if the county should use vote recorders. If they decide that the entire county shall use vote recorders, the county election commission could not use an alternative procedure.

Very truly yours,

Treva G. Ashworth
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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