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## Dear Mr. Shetterly:

In response to your request for an opinion from this Office concerning the supplements appropriated by the General Assembly to every county clerk of court and probate judge in South Carolina in the 1979-80 General Appropriations Act, my opinion is that those salary supplements are entirely derived from State, as opposed to county, funds and, for that reason, the prohibition contained in Section 4-9-30(7), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, as amended, against reducing the salaries of elected officials during their respective terms of office does not apply to them. That is, if the salary supplements are not appropriated by the State in future appropriations acts, the county council is not required to make up the difference with county funds inasmuch as the restriction against reducing elected officials' salaries applies only to those salaries over which the county council has control, i.e., salaries paid with county funds.

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson Senior Assistant Attorney General

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