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Dear Mr. Harrison:

This will reply to your letter of September 12, 1979, addressed to Attorney General McLeod, inquiring further as to the \$3,000.00 appropriation made by the General Assembly for the offices of the Probate Judge and Clerk of Court in each county.

As indicated in the opinion letter of September 5, 1979, the \$1,500.00 allowance for additional clerical assistance must be applied to that use only, and only for personnel not employed before July 1, 1979. Accordingly, the funds may be applied to supplement salaries of <u>clerical</u> assistance employed on or after that date.

Conversely, the funds may not be applied to supplement salaries of non-clerical assistants, such as an Associate Probate Judge or an Assistant Clerk of Court.

We trust this information is of assistance to you. Sincerely,

Frank K. Sloan Deputy Attorney General

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