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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Mayfield:

You have requested an opinion as to the meaning of the term 'effective date' in Act No. 76 of 1977 (the Housing Authority Act of 1977). Specifically you have asked whether that term means the date on which the bill was signed into law (May 10, 1977) or the date on which the State Supreme Court rendered its decision confirming the constitutionality of the Act (August 10, 1978). Section 16 of the Act provides 'This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.' It is the opinion of this Office that the date of the Governor's approval, May 10, 1977, is clearly the date which the General Assembly referred to as being the effective date of the Act. It should also be noted that the Code Commission was apparently of the same opinion, because in codifying Section 6A of the Act as [Section 31-13-230, 1976 Code](#) of Laws, the Commission replaced the words 'effective date of this act' with 'May 10, 1977.'

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Attorney General

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