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**\*1 RE: Chester County Hospital**

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested additional clarification regarding the legal status of the Chester County Hospital which was created by 1947 Act 954, No. 365.

I have followed up the 1947 statute which created the Chester County Hospital Board and can find no material change that would affect its legal status as a political subdivision. The 1947 Act was amended in 1949, 1961, 1963, and 1966. The most radical change in the composition of the Board which would in any way affect its legal status was in 1949 when Section 2 of the original Act was repealed and replaced. The repealing legislation merely clarified the terms of office to be held by the members of the Board.

There having been no material change in this legislation, I would be inclined to follow the opinion of Mr. William A. Dallis rendered September 8, 1954. It appears that the 1947 Act creates an instrumentality of the County of Chester which is a juristic entity and has its own employees. This being the case, it would fall under the definition of political subdivision as contained at Section 61-221 subparagraph 6, 1962 Code of Laws.

With kindest regards, I am  
Very truly yours,

Cameron B. Littlejohn, Jr.  
Staff Attorney

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