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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

April 10, 1975

\*1 Honorable Eugene C. Stoddard  
Member  
House of Representatives  
Laurens County  
The State Capitol  
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

I advise that in my opinion the Bill which you have asked me to consider and which would vest the Recorder's Courts in Laurens County with authority to impose fines of \$200.00 is unconstitutional. In accordance with a recent Supreme Court decision, it appears clear that objectives of this nature must be accomplished by a general statewide law. Article 5 of the Constitution requires this.

With best wishes,  
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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