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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 3794

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\*1 Honorable E. P. Riley  
County Attorney  
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Dear Mr. Riley:

We have discussed by telephone the circumstances with respect to the payment by Greenville County of funds to compensate an individual who is appointed by the Governor as constable.

Section 53-3 of the Code of Laws, 1962, authorizes the Governor, at his discretion, to appoint constables as he may determine necessary to assist in detection of crime and the enforcement of any criminal laws of this State, the salaries and expenses of such constables to be paid as provided for by law.

The majority of constables serve without compensation, but I see no legal obstacle to Greenville County using its funds to compensate a constable appointed by the Governor for the services rendered by him in the enforcement of the law.

If the individual's actions in the enforcement of the law are contemplated to be of special benefit to Greenville County and if it is anticipated that his actions will be ?? with respect to the enforcement of criminal ?? in Greenville County, I would strongly suggest that the Governor be fully advised as to the circumstances which prompt his procurement of appointment as constable.

With best wishes,  
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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