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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina June 24, 1974

*1 Honoraole Isadore E. Lourie Senator 1224 Pickens Street Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Senator Lourie:

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 1974, requesting my opinion as to whether or not it would be possible to amend existing statutes so as to increase the salaries paid to probate judges, masters, etc., based upon a percentage of a circuit judge's salary.

In accordance with the conclusions set forth in a letter to you dated June 24, 1974, it is my opinion that this provision of law would be valid.

I emphasize that this Article of the Constitution has not yet received construction by the Supreme Court of South Carolina but I do not feel that the conclusions expressed in the recent case of <u>Knight v. Salisbury</u> with respect to Article VIII of the Constitution (legal government) are necessarily controlling.

With best wishes, Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod Attorney General

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