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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

January 14, 1980

*1 Mr. Edward Eason
Administrator
Wallace Thompson Hospital
322 West South Street
Union, South Carolina 29379

Dear Mr. Eason:

In response to your request for an opinion from this Office as to the method by which the members of the board of trustees of Wallace Thompson Hospital (formerly the Union Hospital District board) are to be appointed, my opinion is that they are to be appointed upon the recommendation of the Union County Legislative Delegation as provided for by Act No. 848 of 1946, as amended. 44 STAT. 2521 (1946). The provisions of Act No. 283 of 1975, the 'home rule' legislation, have not effected a change even as of January 1, 1980, because the board is the governing body of a special purpose district [see, [McLure v. McElroy](#), 211 S.C. 106, 44 S.E.2d 101 (1947)] and, as such, is specifically exempt from the provisions of [Section 4-9-170, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA](#), 1976, as amended, which vests county councils with authority to provide for the appointment of county boards and commissions as of January 1, 1980.

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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