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Dear Liz:

I am in receipt of your recent letter. You have stated that a party has held their county and State conventions without nominating any candidates to run for the House of Representatives within a specified county. You have inquired if the party county convention can now nominate candidates for election to the various House districts within that county.

[Section 7-11-30 of the South Carolina Code](#) of Laws, 1976, governs the requirements for convention nomination of candidates. That section states that if a party determines that it will nominate candidates for the House of Representatives, they will be nominated by the State convention. That section further prohibits a political party from nominating some offices by convention and others by primary.

It is my understanding that the Republican and Democratic Parties have decided to hold primaries for State offices. Therefore, unless the State party convention would reconvene and decide to nominate all of their State candidates by convention, they could not now reconvene for the purpose of nominating candidates for the House of Representatives. The county convention cannot nominate these candidates as they are to be nominated by the State convention.

Very truly yours,

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