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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

December 18, 1978

*1 Mr. Roger A. Smith
Coroner
County of Spartanburg
County Court House
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301

Dear Mr. Smith:

In your letter of December 1, 1978, to this Office you asked if [Section 14-7-820 of the 1976 Code](#) of Laws which disqualifies certain county officers and court employees from jury duty in civil and criminal cases is applicable to coroner's juries. You wrote specifically in regard to whether this provision prohibits the replacement of a juror who failed to appear for an inquest with an employee from the court house.

In regard to such, please be advised that [Section 17-7-90 of the 1976 Code](#) of Laws provides that 'All persons subject to jury duty in the circuit courts shall be liable to serve as jurors in an inquest on a dead body found within their county.'

Therefore, by implication, in the opinion of this Office, inasmuch as certain county officers and county employees are not permitted to serve as jurors in civil and criminal cases pursuant to [Section 14-7-820](#), these individuals would not be subject to jury duty for inquests.

If there is anything further, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

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