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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Bell:

You have requested an opinion from this Office as to whether or not the Dorchester County Council can put into operation time clocks in the Dorchester County Courthouse for the purpose of keeping time records on all employees paid by the County. In my opinion, it can as hereinafter discussed.

Section 14-3703(7), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1962, as amended (Cum. Supp.), authorizes county governing bodies:

[t]o develop personnel system policies and procedures for county employees by which all county employees are regulated except those elected directly by the people, . . . [Emphasis added.]

Pursuant to this statutory authorization, then, the Dorchester County Council can put into operation time clocks in the Dorchester County Courthouse for the purpose of keeping time records on all employees paid by the County with the exception of elected officials of Dorchester County.

@With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson  
Assistant Attorney General

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