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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 4438

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*1 The Honorable Wheeler M. Tillman
Member
House of Representatives
Charleston County
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Charleston Heights, South Carolina 29405

Dear Mr. Tillman:

Thank you for your letter of August 19, 1976, concerning the submission of the method of election of the Charleston County Council, as provided for by ordinance adopted recently by the County Council.

The submissions which this Office makes to the Division of Civil Rights of the Department of Justice are enactments by the Legislature which we survey weekly during the legislative session, as well as such local actions by cities and counties which come to our attention and which are normally forwarded by us at the request of the various governing bodies. The Charleston County Council has not requested of me that I submit anything for them to the Division of Civil Rights and I have not been furnished by them with a certified copy of any ordinance relating to representation on the County Council. Local matters such as this are most frequently forwarded by the respective cities and counties, but because of our the Department of Justice, we are naturally extensively called upon to either submit actions undertaken by the cities and counties or to advise regarding whether or not a particular action should be forwarded at all. In the absence of any request by the Charleston authorities, I do not propose to undertake action myself, as that is the local responsibility.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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