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Office of the Attorney General  
State of South Carolina  
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Dear Dr. Gibson:

Mr. McLeod has referred to me the election questions you presented to him in your recent conversation. It is my understanding that you have requested information concerning whether or not a county can use deputy registrars who will not be paid for their services. There would be no prohibition against using deputy registrars who are not compensated.

Additionally, you have raised various questions concerning registration procedures. South Carolina Code of Laws, 1962, as amended, § 23-65.1 states:

Boards of registration shall remain open as provided by law and, in addition thereto, shall remain open and available for registration on any additional days, during such hours and at such various places throughout the county as the boards may determine. Notice of the time and place shall be given by prior publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

The intent of this statute is to authorize additional hours and locations for registrations as long as these hours and locals are specifically publicized by newspaper notifications. Therefore, it would be legal to use registration books on weekends and at night if these times were publicized. Additionally, you could use a mobile unit parked in a specific area as the location for registration. Any public place may be utilized as an area for registration; therefore, fire stations, schools, post offices, etc. could be sites for registration.

You have also inquired whether or not it would be permissible to register door to door. It has been the previous opinion of this office that door to door registration is not permissible. See 1968-69 Attorney General Opinion, No. 2692, p. 128. Very truly yours,

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