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ATTORNEY GENERAL

August 22, 2024

N. Daniel Gibson  
Member  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
2607 Highway 221 South  
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646

Dear Representative Gibson:

We received your letter requesting an opinion from this Office concerning the updating of voting records in the Town of McCormick after the adoption of a new redistricting map. In your letter, you state:

I have been made aware by my constituents that even though the Town of McCormick [Town] adopted a new redistricting map in December 2023, it does not appear that the voter records of Town residents were updated to reflect this new districting map.

3) When a municipality adopts a new redistricting map, does our existing state

law set a deadline for updating the voting records to reflect the new redistricting map?

**Law/Analysis**

Section 5-15-20 of the South Carolina Code (2004) provides for the election of municipal council

Each municipality in this State shall provide by ordinance for the election of its

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appears to have done consistent with its new redistricting map. However, you informed us that

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mind that the purpose of redistricting is to comply with the one person, one vote requirement of the Equal Protection Clause. The United States Supreme Court extended this rule to local governments stating:

as a general rule, whenever a state or local government decides to select persons  
by popular election to perform governmental functions, the Equal Protection

to reflect which electors are assigned to each ward upon the election day.

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