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**Subject:** Re: Laurens County Auditor

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Thank you for checking into it.

Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2016, at 9:30 AM, Philpott, Katie <KatiePhilpott@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Representative,

Generally, the Governor is hesitant to appoint members who are running in an election, even if they are uncontested, because of the possibility of a write-in candidate.

This issue is on our radar and I will be in touch with Mr. Coleman as soon as a determination is made.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mark Willis [mailto:willisforhouse@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 29, 2016 6:02 PM  
**To:** Philpott, Katie  
**Subject:** Fwd: Laurens County Auditor

Katie,

It just hit me that you will be the one in the know!!! I had sent this email to Haley and Katherine and as soon as I hit send your name came to me!

You and I spoke a number of times about this in the past and it appears Laurens County handled just as Governor directed. Could you find out the next step?

Thank you very much!

Mark

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From: **Mark Willis** <[willisforhouse@gmail.com](mailto:willisforhouse@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, Jun 29, 2016 at 5:51 PM

Subject: Laurens County Auditor

To: "Mottel, Haley" <[HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov](mailto:HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov)>, "Veldran, Katherine" <[KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov](mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov)>

Haley and Katherine,

I hope this note finds you both well and enjoying summer. We certainly are at our house!

Could you help me find some info I know there is someone in your office that handles this directly but I can't remember who so I am leaning on the two of you to help direct my question.

This is my understanding:

The Laurens County Auditor resigned due to health reasons. Governor Haley decided not to appoint anyone who had an interest in running for the rest of the unfulfilled term. Therefore the office has remained unfilled. The two men that had interest were not appointed and sought election. They ran in the republican primary June 14 and Jim Coleman won the primary. There was no democratic primary with no democrat seeking it in November. When will Jim Coleman take office since he has been elected to fulfill the vacant seat?

I appreciate how kind you both are. The Governor is blessed to have the two of you on #teamhaley

Thank you

Mark