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Jeff,

Just a follow up to the voicemail I left you. As I mentioned, you briefly discussed this issue when it first arose with Rebecca Schimsa in our office.

For background, Judge Davenport resigned as the magistrate appointed for York County. Senator Hayes appointed Magistrate Stephanie Wood to the open position. She previously held the Catawba-Ebenezer Township position, an entirely different position.

There is no provision for a senator to move/transfer a magistrate and appoint her to a new locality. Section 22-2-40 allows the county to change the hours or location of a magistrate position in the right circumstances. However, this allows the tailoring of a current position as needed, not switching a person to a new location and backfilling the other position. Here the hours and location of Judge Wood's position have not been changed. She has been moved to an entirely different locality and her position is now vacant with the same hours/wages.

After you have a chance to look this over, please give me a call. I want to work with you to ensure we get the issue corrected and ratify the move with a proper appointment from the Governors office.

The easiest way to catch me is by cell- 271-9763. Thanks so much!

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