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**Date:** 12/17/2015 3:14:34 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Laurens co. Magistrate appt.

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Yes, the interim magistrate appointment can be made like the previous ones. (Pursuant to Section 1-3-210, the Governor may appoint magistrates while the Senate is out of session, but the appointment is temporary, and the Senate must consent to the appointing during its next session (end of 2016 session) in order for the appointment to be permanent.)

The interim appointment can be made after the resignation is accepted by our office. I suggest having the current magistrate send a signed letter of resignation to our office with the effective date. Once accepted, we can make the interim appointment.

The interim magistrate would begin serving as magistrate immediately and would hold the office until the expiration of the current magistrate's present term.

Let me know if you have additional questions.

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**From:** Philpott, Katie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2015 3:32 PM  
**To:** Pisarik, Holly  
**Cc:** Schimsa, Rebecca  
**Subject:** FW: Laurens co. Magistrate appt.

Please confirm that if a magistrate judge resigns, we can fill the seat with an interim appointment which will require confirmation by the Senate before the end of next session. I believe that is what we did with a Clarendon magistrate (appointment letter attached).

I don't really know how to advise Senator Verdin's office...it seems like they are asking me if the Magistrate should resign (see below). I feel like that decision is up to the Magistrate.

Thanks,

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**From:** Vivian McDowell [mailto:VivianMcDowell@scsenate.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 1:48 PM  
To: Philpott, Katie  
Subject: RE: Laurens co. Magistrate appt.

Will send.

So can Judge Copeland stay in that position until Judge Inabinet is confirmed in 2016? Or could Judge Inabinet be the interim?

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To: Vivian McDowell <VivianMcDowell@scsenate.gov>  
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A copy of the results would be great (I usually just check with Court Administration)!

Unless I hear otherwise, I'll plan on sending her packet up with the others when session resumes.

Thanks,

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To: Philpott, Katie  
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Ok. I didn't realize there could be an interim appointment.

She did pass, took it on Dec. 1, 2015. Would you like me to email you a copy of the letter from SAC Court Admin.? It is dated 12.1.15.

I'll share this with Sen. V.

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From: Philpott, Katie [mailto:KatiePhilpott@gov.sc.gov]  
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Magistrate appointments require confirmation by the Senate. If a magistrate position becomes vacant, the Governor can fill it with in interim appointment, but the appointment will require confirmation by the end of the next legislative session.

Has Ms. Inabinet passed her magistrate exam? When did she take the test?

Thanks,

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To: Philpott, Katie  
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I am pretty sure Senator Verdin told me Judge Wayne Copeland. Judge Copeland wants to know when he will be able to leave this position?

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From: Philpott, Katie [mailto:KatiePhilpott@gov.sc.gov]  
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To: Vivian Mcdowell <vivianmcdowell@icloud.com>  
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Excuse me, I meant Ms. Inabinet.

Thanks!

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From: Philpott, Katie

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To: 'Vivian Mcdowell'

Subject: RE: Laurens co. Magistrate appt.

Vivian,

We just received the background and credit check back for Ms. Wheless. Who will she be replacing as Laurens County Magistrate?

Her packet will be sent up to the Senate when session resumes in January.

Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2015 1:15 PM

To: Philpott, Katie

Subject: Laurens co. Magistrate appt.

Sorry to bother you again but senator verdin asked me for an update. I'm not in today or Friday .

Thx

Vivian

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Sent from my iPhone