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Date: 10/3/2016 4:35:49 PM  
Subject: RE: FYI

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Rebecca and Katie,  
See below and let me know your thoughts. My answers are in red.

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From: Edward Bender [mailto:EdwardBender@scsenate.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 2:00 PM  
To: Taylor, Richele  
Subject: RE: FYI

Thank you Richele. First, let me congratulate you on your new position, I didn't do that earlier so please forgive me. Second, thanks to you and Rebecca for your time this morning. I also appreciate you sending this article, clearly the reporter is unfamiliar with the appointment process.

A couple of things as follow up:

1. Has the Governor accepted Judge Davenport's resignation? If not, are he and the county aware he is still a magistrate? And for my own education, what does the Governor's office do to formally accept a resignation? Is there a letter you send? I'd never thought about it before and was curious. **We received a letter from Representative Hayes on August 10, 2016 with a copy of Judge Davenport's resignation. We accepted the resignation at that time.**

**To officially resign, we just need a resignation letter. We do not provide a response to the person resigning, but we would then notify the person(s)/delegation responsible for filling the seat that there is a vacancy.**

2. From y'all's perspective, what steps would need to occur in order to clear up this issue?

**First, since the vacating Judge's resignation was received during senate recess, we can provide an interim appointment of Wood. We need a letter from the delegation nominating Wood to the seat held by Judge Davenport.**

**Second, Wood can then resign from her current Magistrate position by letter and accept the new appointment.**

**Third, since Wood's resignation occurred during the recess of the Senate, the delegation can nominate another person and we can provide an interim appointment.**

**Fourth, when session is in we would make the appointments permanent.**

Thanks again, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Edward

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Edward,

For context, here is how we found out about the appointment. If you see the article, you can see where our concern came from. Thanks for talking through today!

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article92355402.html>

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