

*Chair Wm. Weston J. Newton*

*First Vice-Chair:  
Laurie Slade Funderburk*

## **Legislative Oversight Committee**

*Katherine E. "Katie" Arrington  
William K. "Bill" Bowers  
Neal Collins  
MaryGail K. Douglas  
William M. "Bill" Hixon  
Jeffrey E. "Jeff" Johnson  
Robert L. Ridgeway, III  
Edward R. Tallon Sr.  
John T. "Jay" West, IV*



*Bruce W. Bannister  
Gary E. Clary  
Chandra E. Dillard  
Phyllis J. Henderson  
Joseph H. Jefferson Jr.  
Mandy Powers Norrell  
Tommy M. Stringer  
Bill Taylor  
Robert Q. Williams*

## **South Carolina House of Representatives**

*Jennifer L. Dobson  
Research Director*

*Cathy A. Greer  
Administration Coordinator*

**Post Office Box 11867  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211  
Telephone: (803) 212-6810 • Fax: (803) 212-6811  
Room 228 Blatt Building**

*Charles L. Appleby IV  
Legal Counsel*

*Carmen J. McCutcheon Simon  
Research Analyst/Auditor*

*Kendra H. Wilkerson  
Fiscal/Research Analyst*

July 30, 2018

Ms. Marci Andino, Director  
South Carolina Election Commission  
Post Office Box 5987  
Columbia, South Carolina 29250

Dear Director Andino:

Recently, concerning media reports allege a voting machine maker installed remote-access software on election management systems, which raises questions about the security of those systems. During the study process, the Committee made multiple inquiries about the security of South Carolina's voting systems.

Please provide the Committee with an update on the status of the security of South Carolina voting systems. Additionally, please inform the Committee if contracts the agency has with vendors includes any provisions requiring the vendor to disclose remote access capability and potential risks of any products or services.

As with all information agencies submit to the Committee, this will be posted online as part of our commitment to transparency. Please ensure you do not include any confidential information in your response to this letter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Wm. Weston J. Newton in cursive.

Wm. Weston J. Newton

Enclosure

cc: House Legislative Oversight Committee Members  
The Honorable Jay Lucas, Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives