Opinion No. 74-208

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Dear Mr. Shattuck:

We have your letter of April 30, and agree fully with your conclusions. K.S.A. 28-167 provides in pertinent part thus:

"When in any county having a population of not more than one hundred thousand (100,000) it is necessary, the board of county commissioners shall allow such reasonable sums for assistants, deputies, clerical and stenographic hire as may be necessary to properly expedite the business of [enumerated] ... offices ... ."

Under this authority, the conclusions as set out in your letter are fully supportable. Moreover, the circulation of a form to be completed by elected officials is surely a reasonable and convenient administrative device to enable the commissioners to determine the necessity for substitute and additional employees.

Accordingly, as stated above, we concur fully with your conclusions.

Yours very truly,

VERN MILLER
Attorney General

June 25, 1974