



## ***LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FEB. 10, 2007***

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### **Annexation Hearing**

An Annexation Hearing to gather information was conducted by the House Judiciary Special Laws Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 7, 2007. A number of organizations (SPD's, Municipal, County, Power Companies, Home Builders, USC, Manufactured Housing and etc.) made presentations on the history of annexation and problems associated with current annexation law. The general view was that current annexation law was working and needed some revising but not wholesale changes. Bonding and financial integrity is a major concern for local governments and the citizens they represent in the district, town or county.

Areas of annexation abuse were:

1. Shoestring Annexation
2. Contracts by the City to Require Annexation to Receive Water or Sewer Service
3. Standing in Court to Object to Proposed Annexation
4. Planning and Timely Providing of Services to a Proposed Annexed Area

### ***SPD's Lock and Load for the Battle!***

### **Eminent Domain**

The Eminent Domain Study Committee held a hearing on Entities Exercising the power of Eminent Domain on Thursday, February 8, 2007. Many of the same organizations, including the SPD's, that were represented at the Annexation Hearing made or submitted presentations during the Eminent Domain hearing as to why they have their power of Eminent Domain and why they should keep their power of Eminent Domain. Although no specific legislation was presented, it seemed the view of the study committee was to have elected officials accountable for the SPD if they are going to have the power of eminent domain. Chairman Gregory indicated that the study committee would be "looking into it deeply". ***SPD's please contact the following members of the study committee (indicated on the back of this page) and educate them on the importance of your SPD keeping its power of Eminent Domain!***

***REGISTER TODAY!***

**2007 SPD Strategic Planning Session**

**"SPD Viability in an Uncertain Environment"**

*Saluda Shoals Park*

*5605 Bush River Rd. Columbia, SC*

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*Tuesday, February 27, 2007*

*(Registration 9:30 am, lunch will be served) 10:00 am – 4:00 pm*

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