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Memorandum 78-12

Subject: Contract With John N. McLaurin

For many years before John McLaurin was appointed as a member of the Law Revision Commission. The Commission retained his law firm on a continuing basis as an expert consultant on the subject of eminent domain. When John was appointed to the Commission, the contract was terminated.

Since John is no longer a member of the Commission, the staff suggests that a contract be made with him to provide expert advice at Commission meetings when the subject of eminent domain or inverse condemnation is under consideration. We recommend that the compensation be the same as for other consultants who perform a similar service not requiring the preparation of written comments or background studies--\$20 for each day of attendance at a Commission meeting (when such attendance is requested by the Commission through its Executive Secretary) and travel expenses in attending the meeting (subject to the same limitations that govern members of boards and commissions appointed by the Governor).

There is little doubt but that John McLaurin is one of the outstanding experts in the state in the field of eminent domain and inverse condemnation, and the staff believes that the Commission would benefit from his experience in these fields.

The staff recommends that the maximum expenditures under the contract be limited to a total of \$900. The term of the contract would end on June 30, 1980. We further recommend that the Executive Secretary be authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Secretary