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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 4321

April 9, 1976

*1 Honorable Jewel S. Baskin
Member
House of Representatives
6058 Crabtree Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29206

Dear Mrs. Baskin:

You have requested the opinion of this office with respect to the appropriateness of your accepting membership on the South Carolina District Advisory Council of the Small Business Administration. This agency is an entity of the United States Government and members of the advisory councils are appointed by the Small Business Administration Administrator and serve without compensation. They serve solely in an advisory capacity to the Administrator and staff members with the object of improving the effectiveness of programs, channeling information to involved interests, evaluating programs, advising federal officials of economic conditions within their communities, etc.

In my opinion, the membership upon such council is not an office within the meaning of the dual officeholding provision of the Constitution of this State, specifically Article III, Section 24, of the Constitution of South Carolina, and you may serve in such capacity without impinging upon the constitutional prohibition.

I further advise that I can perceive of no conflict of interest which will ensue from such service.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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