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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. A. O. Corbett, Jr.
Chief of Police
Bishopville, South Carolina

Dear Chief:

I appreciate your letter concerning the right of a person to run for county sheriff while serving as a town policeman.

This problem has come up on a State level and, for that reason, I have gone into it before answering your letter.

In my opinion, it depends upon the ordinances or regulations of the town. If they have an ordinance prohibiting this, it will probably stand, but there is no State law which would prohibit the individual from running. At the Criminal Justice Academy a regulation has been promulgated by the board which requires anyone filing for political office to take a temporary leave of absence and this question will be considered by the board at its next meeting, which will be held today.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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