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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Ms. Deborah H. Minick
Clerk
Saluda County Office of Elections and Registration
Saluda, South Carolina 29138

Dear Ms. Minick:

You have asked the opinion of this Office on whether there are any State statutes prohibiting or regulating the involvement in a political party primary of a clerk for a county board of registration or election commission.

The statutes concerning county boards of registration and election commissions do not contain any provisions prohibiting or regulating the involvement of clerks in political party primaries. [See §§ 7-5-10, 7-5-20, 7-5-30, 7-13-70 and 7-13-80, Code of Laws of South Carolina](#), 1976. Either of these bodies or the county, however, may have a regulation or policy on this matter. Therefore, reference should be made to the regulations and policies of these bodies. Also, before any such involvement is undertaken, it would be advisable to seek an opinion from the State Ethics Commission, Post Office Box 11627, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. This Commission answers questions concerning conflicts of interest involving public employees.

Sincerely,

James M. Holly
State Attorney

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