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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Volonte:

We are in receipt of your recent letter in which you inquired if South Carolina has enacted legislation which would prohibit any political party from appearing on the ballot. South Carolina Code of Laws, 1962, as amended, Section 23-251 states:

Political parties desiring to nominate, candidates for offices to be voted on in a general or special election must, before doing so, have applied to the State Election Commission for certification as such. Parties heretofore certified shall remain certified. Any other political party, organization or association may obtain such certification as a political party at any time by filing with the State Election Commission a petition or petitions for such certification signed by ten thousand or more registered electors residing in this State, giving the name of the party, which shall be substantially different from the name of any other party previously certified.

Therefore, political parties meeting the qualifications set out above may be placed upon the ballot.

Very truly yours,

Treva G. Ashworth  
Assistant Attorney General

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