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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Ms. Power:

Thank you for your letter of September 17, 1974. You have stated that a man is attempting to change his voting precinct from his residence to his place of business. Section 23-62(3) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, by an Act of May 14, 1974, states that an elector must be a ‘. . . resident in the county and in the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote.’ (emphasis added) BLACK’S Law Dictionary defines ‘resident’ as ‘one who has his residence in a place.’ ‘Residence’ is defined as ‘A factual place of abode. Living in a particular locality.’ Therefore, a person must live within the precinct that he is offering to vote within and he may not use his business address for the purpose of claiming another precinct as his voting precinct.

Sincerely,

Treva Ashworth
Assistant Attorney General

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