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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

October 16, 1974

***1 Re: General Election—York County**

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Dear Mr. Brice:

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of October 15, 1974. You have stated that four men who have been certified as candidates for the York County Board of Directors have been indicted for violating Section 14-320 of the Code of Laws, which is a misdemeanor. Three men have entered pleas of nolo contendere and the fourth has requested a trial. You have inquired whether or not this is a disqualifying factor. As the offense is a misdemeanor nothing would prohibit the candidates from being placed on the election ballot. Additionally, the fourth man has only been indicted and not convicted; therefore, nothing would prohibit his name from being placed on the ballot.

Additionally you have inquired if a candidate's nickname may appear on the ballot. It has been the prior opinion of this office that neither a person's nickname nor title may appear on the general election ballot. See 1968 Att. Gen. Op. at 161; 1964 Att. Gen. Op. at 239.

Sincerely,

Treva Ashworth
Assistant Attorney General

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