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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Mr. McLeod has referred your recent letter to me for reply. You have asked if the sister-in-law of one of the candidates can be appointed as a poll manager for an election.

South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 7-13-110 requires all poll managers to be residents and registered electors of the county or an adjoining county where they are appointed to work. Section 7-13-120(1) prohibits . . . a candidate or the spouse, parents, children, brothers or sisters of a candidate for public office to work as a manager or clerk of election at a polling place where such candidate's name appears on the ballot.

The statute does not prohibit an in-law from serving in these capacities.

Additionally, you have asked if it would be permissible for your opponent's brother and wife to be poll watchers on your behalf on the day of the election. Section 7-13-860 only requires that a poll watcher be a qualified voter in the county where he is to watch. There is no prohibition against being a poll watcher and being related to a candidate.

Very truly yours,

Treva G. Ashworth  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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