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Dear Bill:

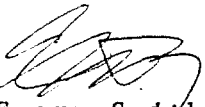
You have requested advice as to whether the person appointed Executive Director of the South Carolina Democratic Party may continue to serve as an elected member of the Aiken County Board of Education without violating the constitutional prohibition as to dual office-holding. Article VI, §3 and Article XVII, §1A, South Carolina Constitution.

In response to your request I am enclosing copies of three previous opinions of this Office which indicate that a person may hold a public office as well as serve as an officer of a political party without violating these dual office-holding provisions. Ops. Atty. Gen. (March 23, 1982, February 24, 1982 and February 24, 1978). Therefore, the individual to whom you have referred may continue to serve in the public office and the political party position without violating dual office-holding restrictions.

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If you have any questions or need additional information,
please let me know.


Yours very truly,



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