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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 83-16

May 17, 1983

\*1 The Honorable David S. Taylor  
Senator  
Laurens County  
613 Gressette Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Senator Taylor:

You have asked for an opinion as to the questions which must appear on a ballot in a referendum to change the form of government, number of council members, or method of election of council including the chairman. I would advise that a ballot should contain only the question or questions as set out in the petition or as called for by the council. [§ 4–9–10, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 \(1982 Supp.\)](#). Those questions can call for a change to another specific form of government, a change in the number of council members, or a change in the method of election of the council including the chairman. Id. For each of these questions presented, the ballot must also offer the alternative of retaining the existing form of government, a number of council members, or method of election as the case may be. Id. However, only the questions presented by the petition or by the council should appear on the ballot.

Sincerely yours,

T. Travis Medlock  
Attorney General

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