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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 80-22

February 12, 1980

**\*1 SUBJECT: Elections, voter registration, conviction of criminal conspiracy is not a disqualification; Law enforcement, crimes, criminal conspiracy not a voter disqualification;**  
One convicted of criminal conspiracy is not disqualified from voting.

Mr. Herbert Fielding  
122 Logan Street  
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Dear Herb:

Your letter of February 7, 1980, inquires as to whether one who has been convicted of the offense of criminal conspiracy is eligible to vote in this State and whether such an individual would be eligible to hold public office.

The governing provisions of law are contained in [Section 7-5-120, Code of Laws](#) (1976), and the offense of criminal conspiracy is not therein contained.

I advise, therefore, that the individual you inquire about is eligible to vote in elections in this State, assuming there is proper registration. To hold public office, one must be a qualified elector and the individual referred to is a person who holds that status.

The plea of nolo contendere was entered to the indictment in the case referred to by you and I advise that this is equivalent to conviction.

With best wishes,  
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
Attorney General

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