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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. James E. Singleton
Westminster Police Department
Post Office Box 216
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Dear Mr. Singleton:

You have asked whether there is a state law which would prohibit an individual from holding an appointed position while running for a public office. I assume that the appointed position of which you speak is that of police officer. There is no state law that would prohibit a police officer from running for another office. However, there may be a local ordinance or personnel policy which would prohibit your running for an elected office.

You do not indicate what the public office that you might run for would be, but I would caution that if elected, there is a strong possibility that a dual office holding problem would arise.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James W. Johnson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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