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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. Ralph W. Strong
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Dear Mr. Strong:

In response to your request for an opinion from this Office as to whether or not an alien can hold an appointive office in South Carolina, my opinion is that he can hold neither an appointive nor an elective office because he is not a qualified elector.

In [McLure v. McElroy](#), 211 S.C. 106, 44 S.E.2d 101 (1947), the South Carolina Supreme Court held that:
... all officers, constitutional and statutory, and whether elected or appointed, must be qualified electors, ... [211 S.C. at 120](#) [Emphasis added.]

See, [S. C. CONST. Art. XVII, § 1](#) ('[n]o person shall be elected or appointed to any office in this State unless he possess the qualifications of an elector, ...')

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson
Assistant Attorney General

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