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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable Irene K. Rudnick
Member
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Rudnick:

We are in receipt of your letter in which you requested an opinion of this office as to whether or not the proposed constitutional amendment when ratified by the General Assembly will authorize eighteen (18) year olds to convey property. The amendment states

Every citizen who is eighteen years of age or older, not laboring under disabilities prescribed in this Constitution or otherwise established by law, shall be deemed sui juris and endowed with full legal rights and responsibilities, provided, that the General Assembly may restrict the sale of alcoholic beverages to persons until age twenty-one.

BLACK'S Law Dictionary defines 'sui juris' as

Of his own right; possessing full social and civil rights; not under any legal disability, or the power of another, or guardianship. Having capacity to manage one's own affairs; not under legal disability to act for one's self.

Under this definition it would appear that if a person is 'sui juris' he would have the ability to convey property.

Sincerely,

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