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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 3962

February 4, 1975

*1 The Honorable A. J. Dooley
State Senator
Box 513
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Dear A. J.:

You have asked me whether an amendment to the Constitution may be submitted to the people at an election to be held for that purpose in the year 1975.

It is my opinion that it cannot be done the present year as a general election is not set to be held during this year. Article 16 of the Constitution requires that amendments be submitted to the electors at the 'next general election thereafter for Representatives.' By the provisions of Article 3, Section 8, the next general election for Representatives will be held in 1976. Submission this year is therefore precluded by the mandatory provisions of the Constitution. See also [Privette v. Grinnell](#), 191 S.C. 376, 4 S.E.2d 305, as to the meaning of the term 'next general election.'

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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