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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 4022

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\*1 The Honorable T. W. Edwards, Jr.  
Member  
House of Representatives  
Spartanburg County  
Box 2603  
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Dear Mr. Edwards:

You have inquired whether a complaint by a private citizen with respect to a charge made against a Member of the House of Representatives may be considered by the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives.

Section 4.16 of the Rules of the House provides, in part, as follows:

‘The Committee on Ethics shall have the following powers and duties:

‘1. To receive such complaints or charges as may be referred to it by members of the House of Representatives against members, officers and employees of the House of Representatives concerning conduct alleged to be unethical.’

It is my opinion that a complaint from a private citizen may only be considered by the Ethics Committee, under the foregoing section of the Rules, when referred to the Committee by a Member of the House of Representatives.

With best wishes,  
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod  
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