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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1 Re: Pickens County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse**

Mr. Purvis W. Collins
Director
S. C. Retirement System
1001 Main Street
P. O. Box 11960
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion from this office as to the qualification of the Pickens County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse as an employer under Section 61-1 of the Retirement Act.

Act No. 755 of 1973, creating the Commission, expressly declares that the Commission shall 'be a body corporate and politic and shall exercise and enjoy all rights and privileges as such.' In addition, the Commission has the power to acquire land and receive and expend funds in fulfilling its purposes. The express legislative designation as a political subdivision, and also the function of the Commission, establish it as an employer for purposes of the Retirement Act.

Sincerely yours,

A. Camden Lewis
Assistant Attorney General

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