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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Honorable E. Guenther
Chairman
Charleston County Board of Registration
The Center
Marion Square
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Guenther:

Thank you for your letters of January 25 and February 22, 1974, requesting the opinion of this Office as to whether the Board of Registration may appoint high school principals to serve as deputy registrars, but to limit their activities to registering high school students, staff and faculty employees who may not be registered.

While the Boards of Registration may appoint deputy members, as pointed out in your letter of January 25, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 23-51.1, Code of Laws, 1962, there is no authority for such deputy registrars solely for the purpose of receiving applications for registration from designated groups. The statutes require, moreover, that times and places of such registration must be published and, in my opinion, any citizen may appear at such times and places for the purpose of making application for registration.

The procedure proposed is, in my personal opinion, a good one but, irrespective of its merits, it is not legally permissible under existing law.

I regret very much that an earlier answer was not forwarded to you on this problem.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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