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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

May 6, 1974

**\*1 Re: Personnel Policy No. 200**

Mr. John R. Tiller  
State Forester  
S. C. State Commission of Forestry  
Post Office Box 287  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202,

Dear Mr. Tiller:

I have reviewed carefully your letter of April 29, 1974, regarding the possibility of employees of the South Carolina State Commission of Forestry serving as trustees on county school boards. It is my opinion that such employees are not prohibited by your Policy No. 200 from serving on a county school board. The words 'political activities' contained in the policy should not be read so broadly as to mean 'any public office.' The policy provision itself expressly enumerates certain activities which it considers to be political in nature. These prohibiting enumerations envision a far more active role in the political process than mere participation as a county school board. By its very nature the office of county school board trustee is more non-political and non-partisan and does not seem to fall within the provisions which the policy intended to prohibit.

In light of the foregoing considerations it is my opinion that the holding of the position of county school board trustee by an employee of the State Commission of Forestry is not in violation of your Policy No. 200.

Sincerely yours,

A. Camden Lewis  
Assistant Attorney General

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