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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 3587

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***1** The South Carolina Public Railroad Commission is a political subdivision of the State and an “employer” within the meaning of Section 61–1(5).

Director

South Carolina Retirement System

You have asked for an opinion as to the legal status of the South Carolina Public Railways Commission and whether it is an “employer” within the meaning of Section 61–1(5), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1962.

The Commission was created by Act No. 456 of 1969 by the General Assembly. Its members are appointed by the Governor and it is financed by a direct appropriation of the General Assembly. Its function is to operate, maintain, and control state owned railroads and equipment.

On the basis of the foregoing it is the opinion of this office that the South Carolina Public Railways Commission is a political subdivision of the State and an “employer” within the meaning of Section 61–1(5).

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