

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SERVING ON PAC BOARD

SUMMARY:

A school board member is not prohibited by the Ethics Reform Act from being a board member of a political action committee.

QUESTION:

The Attorney for Clover School District advises that one of the elected school board members is also serving as a board member of the Nationwide Agents Political Action Committee. The school board member questions whether there is any conflict with his service on the PAC board. None of the PAC members are registered lobbyists nor do they have an involvement with the Clover School District.

DISCUSSION:

This opinion is rendered in response to a letter dated February 24, 1992 requesting an opinion from the State Ethics Commission. The Commission's jurisdiction is limited to the applicability of the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991 (Act No. 248 of 1991; Section 8-13-100 et. seq., as amended, 1976 Code of Laws). This opinion does not supersede any other statutory or regulatory restrictions or procedures which may apply to this situation.

A school district board member is not prohibited by the Ethics Reform Act from being a member of an association nor is he prohibited from contributing to a political action committee or serving on the board of such political action committee.

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