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Subject: For Bob Cook re. Christopher Nisbet

Question: Does suspending Nisbet from a "higher" or "state or political subdivision" office (i.e. Coroner) also suspend him from a "lower" or "local" office (i.e. Foster Care Review Board)? Stated differently, whether suspension from one office affects the holding of another office?

Facts:

- Christopher Nisbet serves on the Local Foster Care Review Board for 1B (Dorchester County). He was appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of Dorchester County Council. He was appointed in 2012 to fill a vacancy and most recently in May 2015 to serve his own term.
- On October 1, 2015, the Governor issued EO 2015-20, suspending Nisbet from Office of Coroner of Dorchester County upon his indictment for one count of Misconduct in Office by the Grand Jurors of Dorchester County: Failing to properly and faithfully discharge his duties and misusing his office to effect an unlawful arrest on a private citizen against the peace and dignity of the State in violation of Common Law.
- Nisbet was not recommended because he was Coroner nor is he serving a defacto seat as Coroner – the two offices are separate. In addition, note that serving on a Local Foster Care Review Board is not an office for Dual Office Holding purposes.

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