

## College and University Trustees

### **SECTION 8-1-10.** “Public officers” defined.

The term “public officers” shall be construed to mean all officers of the State that have heretofore been commissioned and **trustees of the various colleges of the State**, members of various State boards and other persons whose duties are defined by law.

### **SECTION 8-1-100.** Suspension of officer indicted for crime.

Except as provided in Section 8-1-110, any state or county officer who is indicted in any court for any crime may, in the discretion of the Governor, be suspended by the Governor, who in event of suspension shall appoint another in his stead until he shall be acquitted. In case of conviction, the office shall be declared vacant by the Governor and the vacancy filled as provided by law.

### **SECTION 8-1-110.** Suspension of officer charged with embezzlement or misappropriation of funds; removal upon conviction.

Whenever it shall be brought to the notice of the Governor by affidavit that any officer who has the custody of public or trust funds is probably guilty of embezzlement or the appropriation of public or trust funds to private use then the Governor shall direct his immediate prosecution by the proper officer and, upon true bill found, the Governor shall suspend such officer and appoint one in his stead until he shall have been acquitted by the verdict of a jury. In case of conviction the office shall be declared vacant and the vacancy filled as may be provided by law.

### **USC Section**

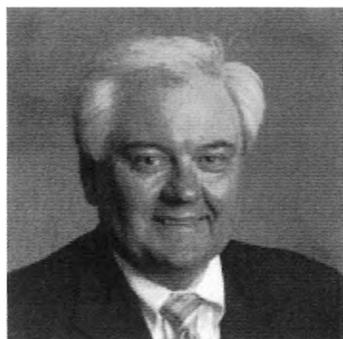
### **SECTION 59-117-30.** Vacancies; compensation.

In case a vacancy should occur in the board among the members elected by the General Assembly, the Governor may fill it by appointment until the next session of the General Assembly. Any vacancy occurring in the office of the member appointed by the Governor shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by appointment in the same manner of original appointment. Each member of the board shall draw such per diem and expenses as from time to time may be allowed boards, commissions, and committees.

Elections to fill vacancies which are caused by the death, resignation, or removal of an elective trustee may be held earlier than the first day of April of the year in which the unexpired term terminates, but the term of the person elected to fill the vacancy expires on the last day of June of the year in which the term of the former member would have expired.

## USC trustee fined \$75,000, but avoids prison for illegally killing hawks - South Carolina Radio Network

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*Charles Williams (Image: USC)*

A University of South Carolina trustee was among three men fined and banned from hunting for a year after killing federally-protected hawks at an Orangeburg County private hunting preserve.

66-year-old Charles Williams was sentenced Monday after submitting a guilty plea in federal court to seven counts of unlawful trapping and killing of red-tailed or Cooper's hawks at the Willcreek Plantation. The hawks are protected under federal law as migratory birds of prey and hunters may not kill them.

Williams was the registered agent for the LLC which owns Willcreek. In addition to a \$75,000 fine, he must also complete 50 hours of community service at a birds-of-prey center and cannot hunt for one year.

Trapping and killing hawks without a permit is a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and carries a maximum prison term of six months and a fine of up to \$15,000, or both, for each count of conviction.

Prosecutors said a tipster called the Department of Natural Resources in 2013 to report the potential crimes. Responding officers said they seized more than 30 raptor carcasses at the plantation during their investigation.

66-year-old John Dantzler and 57-year-old Jimmie Aiken were also banned from hunting for a year and fined \$1,000 each for their roles in the illegal hunting.