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Thank you again.

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State Constitution

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 8. Suspension and prosecution of officers accused of crime.

Any officer of the State or its political subdivisions, except members and officers of the Legislative and Judicial Branches, who has been indicted by a grand jury for a crime involving moral turpitude or who has waived such indictment if permitted by law may be suspended by the Governor until he shall have been acquitted. In case of conviction the office shall be declared vacant and the vacancy filled as may be provided by law.

South Carolina Code of Laws

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 the 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.

From: Norman, Meaghan [<mailto:mnorman@wistv.com>]
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Hi Chaney,

I've been told the Governor is the only one with authority to suspend or remove a county councilman. Richland County Councilman Kelvin Washington was arrested over the weekend charged with felony DUI. He was charged last month with failure to file a tax return. Is Governor Haley planning to intervene? Do you know if she will suspend or remove Councilman Washington over this latest charge?

Thank you,

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