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OPINION LETTER NO. 73-2013

The Honorable Thomas A. Schweich
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Schweich:

This office received your letter of September 13, 2013, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by John Elliott, version 2 (14-048). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State court officials estimate increased annual operating costs starting at \$1.1 million and initial equipment costs and one time building construction and renovation costs of up to \$6.2 million to establish work space for the additional judges and staff. Local governmental entities should experience limited or no increased election related costs.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Koster".

CHRIS KOSTER
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