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OPINION LETTER NO. 125-2016

The Honorable Jason Kander
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Kander:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated June 14, 2016, for our review under § 116.025, RSMo, of a proposed fair ballot language statement for Senate Substitute for House Joint Resolution No. 53 relating to an amendment to Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution. The proposed fair ballot language statement is as follows:

A **“yes”** vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to state that voters may be required by law to verify their identity, citizenship, and residence by presenting identification that may include valid government-issued photo identification. Exceptions to this identification requirement may also be provided by law.

A **“no”** vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding elections.

If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

Pursuant to §116.025, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed fair ballot language statement.

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Because our review of the fair ballot language statement is mandated by statute, no action we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the joint resolution, nor 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CHRIS KOSTER
Attorney General