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The Honorable John R. Ashcroft
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
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Dear Secretary Ashcroft:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated June 15, 2018, for our review under § 116.025, RSMo, of a proposed fair ballot language statement for House Joint Resolution No. 59. The proposed fair ballot language statement is as follows:

A "yes" vote will amend the Missouri Constitution to remove language limiting bingo game advertising that a court ruled was unconstitutional and not enforceable. This amendment would also allow a member of a licensed organization conducting bingo games to participate in the management of bingo games after being a member of the organization for six months. Currently, the constitution requires two years of membership.

A "no" vote will not amend the Missouri Constitution regarding bingo games.

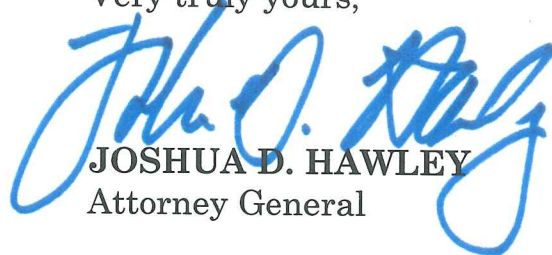
If passed, this measure will have no impact on taxes.

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

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,



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