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OPINION LETTER NO. 144-2019

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

Dear Secretary Ashcroft:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated July 19, 2019, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Mary Anne Sedey regarding a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution, version 1 (2020-072). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- establish automatic voter registration of individuals at least 16 years old from state agency lists (including the departments of revenue, social services, corrections and conservation);
- allow voters on election day to appear at the wrong polling place, vote on a wrong ballot, and have election judges later transfer the votes to the right ballot;
- allow voters to sign up to permanently vote by mail, with voting by mail allowed during the six weeks before each election; and
- make voters' method of voting a public record (mail, in person or military)?

Pursuant to § 116.334, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the proposed statement. Because our review of the statement is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the petition, nor as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

ERIC S. SCHMITT
Attorney General