



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MISSOURI
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August 23, 2019

OPINION LETTER NO. 177-2019

The Honorable Nicole Galloway
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Galloway:

This office received your letter of August 14, 2019, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Winston Apple (20-101). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

Local governmental entities are estimated to have total one-time costs to upgrade or replace voting machines ranging from \$0 to \$37.8 million, and costs per election of an unknown amount totaling at least \$25,000. State governmental entities estimate no savings and possible costs of an unknown amount.

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. Furthermore, our review under § 116.175.4 does not examine the fairness or sufficiency of the estimated fiscal impact.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

ERIC S. SCHMITT
Attorney General