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OPINION LETTER NO. 28-2019

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

Dear Auditor Galloway:

This office received your letter of January 16, 2019, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Patricia Thomas, (20-023). The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State court officials estimate cost savings of approximately \$8,000 annually, increased training costs ranging from approximately \$29,000 to \$55,000 annually, and unknown annual costs related to judicial vacancies. Local governments estimate no costs or savings.

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 cursive script that reads "Eric S. Schmitt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally on the page.

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