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August 27, 2021

OPINION LETTER NO. 106-2021

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:

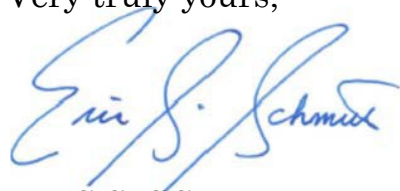
This opinion letter responds to your request dated August 17, 2021, for our review under § 116.332, RSMo, of the sufficiency as to form of an initiative petition to amend Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution submitted by Andrew Brain (2022-056).

We conclude that the petition must be rejected for at least the following reasons:

1. The petition does not contain “all matter which is to be deleted included in its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown underlined” as required pursuant to § 116.050, RSMo.
2. The petition does not otherwise comply with the requirements of Article III, § 50 of the Missouri Constitution.

Because of our rejection of the form of the petition for the reasons stated above, we have not reviewed the petition to determine whether additional deficiencies exist. Pursuant to § 116.332.4, RSMo, the Secretary of State is authorized to review this opinion and “make a final decision as to the approval or rejection of the form of the petition.”

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Eric S. Schmitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" and last name "Schmitt" clearly legible, and "S." in the middle.

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Attorney General