

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MISSOURI ERIC SCHMITT

September 30, 2021

OPINION LETTER NO. 128-2021

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

Dear Auditor Galloway:

This office received your letter of September 21, 2021, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Eric McSwain, 22-064. The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State governmental entities estimate initial costs of \$4 million, annual costs of \$7 million, and annual revenues ranging from \$26 million to \$125 million by 2025. Local governments are estimated to have annual costs of at least \$35,000 and annual revenues ranging from \$13 million to \$21 million by 2025.

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,

ERIC S. SCHMITT Attorney General