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OPINION LETTER NO. 162-2021

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 December 1, 2021 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Alixandra Cossette, version 1, 2022-068. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- allow any entity licensed by the Missouri Gaming Commission to offer sports wagering (betting) in-person or on-line;
- impose a twenty-one percent tax on sports betting with fifty percent going to pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade educational institutions and fifty percent to highways, roads and bridges;
- prohibit sports betting within a sports and entertainment district unless approved by the professional sports team that plays within the district or if it is by internet through a licensed internet based sports betting platform; and
- request the state auditor to audit the revenues received annually?

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 blue ink that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

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Attorney General