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January 6, 2022

OPINION LETTER NO. 178-2021

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

Dear Auditor Galloway:

This office received your letter of December 23, 2021, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Austin Shaffer, 22-081. The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State and local governments estimate ongoing costs of at least \$24 million per election, but the total cost is unknown. Local governments estimate savings of at least \$80,000 annually and at least \$42,000 for each general election in a presidential election year. State governmental entities estimate no 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. 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 blue ink that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

ERIC S. SCHMITT  
Attorney General