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OPINION LETTER NO. 19-2025

The Honorable Denny Hoskins
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Hoskins:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 10, 2025, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Jamie Howard, 2026-010. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- prohibit the weakening of citizens' direct lawmaking power by not allowing the legislature to make changes in initiative petition laws which would make it more difficult to propose or enact laws or amendments through the initiative process;
- prohibit the legislature from attempting to change any citizen-initiative law or constitutional amendment, except if eighty percent of the House and Senate approve the change; and
- provide that every ballot measure shall be decided at a general election, except if eighty percent of the House and Senate approve calling a special election?

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,


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