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OPINION LETTER NO. 23-2025

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 15, 2025 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Jamie Howard, 2026-011. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- prohibit the legislature from making changes in initiative petition laws that weaken citizens' direct lawmaking power, except if eighty percent of the House and Senate approve the change;
- 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; and
- establish an independent citizens' commission of thirteen members, who are residents and registered voters of Missouri, to have exclusive authority to consider and adopt ballot summaries for all ballot measures?

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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