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OPINION LETTER NO. 231-2023

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 April 4, 2023, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Winston Apple, 2024-076. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- allow initiative petitions and referendums to be signed by one-third of the members in either chamber of the general assembly;
- allow submission of electronic statements of support for initiative petitions;
- invalidate signatures only if formal proof is offered and confirmed by the appropriate court;
- allow the legislature to call a special election for referendums and initiative petitions; and
- allow the governor to facilitate, establish and maintain online accounts for an electronic filing system of support statements for politically active citizens?

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,


ANDREW BAILEY
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