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OPINION LETTER NO. 35-2025

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 29, 2025 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Jamie Howard, 2026-017. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- prohibit the legislature from weakening the citizens' direct lawmaking power;
- prohibit the legislature from attempting to change any citizen-initiated law or citizen-initiated amendment, except in the event that eighty percent of the House and Senate approve the change;
- require that every ballot measure be decided at a general election, except in the event that eighty percent of the House and Senate approve a special election for the measure; and
- require that every ballot summary be clear, unbiased, fair and accurate and, when possible, use only language found in the ballot measure?

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  
Attorney General