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OPINION LETTER NO. 44-2022

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 December 21, 2022 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Winston Apple, 2024-002. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- allow for members of the General Assembly to acquire proxies from each eligible Missouri voter to vote on all matters;
- require the governor to establish, maintain, and ensure the security and privacy of an online system for voters to facilitate electronically assigning and reassigning of proxies;
- require the secretary of state to create a proxy form by January 2, 2025; and
- require the General Assembly to pass legislation providing penalties for proxy malfeasance?

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric S. Schmitt".

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