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OPINION LETTER NO. 47-2025

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 March 26, 2025 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Damien Johnson, 2026-029. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- prohibit individuals from holding elected office if they have been found guilty of or pled guilty to weapons offenses or certain violent sexual crimes;
- prohibit legislators on trial for such crimes from introducing related legislation;
- prohibit legislators on trial for criminal or civil matters from introducing or voting on related bills;
- require voter approval for changes to the initiative process and allow anyone 18 years of age or older to collect signatures, either as volunteers or paid in any manner agreed with their employers; and
- prohibit campaign funds from foreign governments or campaigns?

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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