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OPINION LETTER NO. 54-2025

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 May 2, 2025 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Jamie Howard, 2026-036. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- prohibit laws or amendments that would make it harder to propose or pass initiatives or reject laws by referendum;
- invalidate any such laws or amendments made after December 31, 2024;
- require 80% majorities of the House and Senate to change citizen-initiated laws or re-pass rejected laws;
- require 80% majorities to call statewide ballot measure elections outside the general election day;
- allow courts to rewrite misleading ballot language if challenged;
- maintain current signature requirements for initiatives and referendums; and
- define "statewide ballot measures" to include those proposed by the legislature or 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  
Attorney General