



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MISSOURI
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July 2, 2021

OPINION LETTER NO. 80-2021

The Honorable Nicole Galloway
Missouri State Auditor
State Capitol, Room 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Auditor Galloway:

This office received your letter of June 22, 2021, submitting a fiscal note and fiscal note summary prepared under § 116.175, RSMo, for an initiative petition submitted by Austin Shaffer, 22-038. The fiscal note summary that you submitted is as follows:

State and local governments estimate ongoing election-related costs of at least \$2,000 annually and at least \$16 million per election, but the total cost is unknown. Local governments estimate savings of at least \$180,000 annually and at least \$28,000 for each general election.

Under § 116.175.4, RSMo, we approve the legal content and form of the fiscal note summary. Because our review of the fiscal note summary is mandated by statute, no action that we take with respect to such review should be construed as an endorsement of the initiative petition or as the expression of any view regarding the objectives of its proponents. Furthermore, our review under § 116.175.4 does not examine the fairness or sufficiency of the estimated fiscal impact.

Very truly yours,

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

ERIC S. SCHMITT
Attorney General