

Attorney General of Missouri Andrew Bailey February 10, 2023

OPINION LETTER NO. 92-2023

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 January 31, 2023 for our review under § 116.334, RSMo of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Terrence Wise, 2024-022. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- increase the state minimum wage to \$13.75 per hour starting January 1, 2025, with \$1.25 per hour increase, making the minimum wage \$15.00 per hour in January 2026;
- adjust state minimum wage based on changes in the Consumer Price Index each January beginning in 2027; and
- increase the employer portion of tipped employee wages annually until attaining full minimum wage by January 1, 2034?

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,

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