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OPINION LETTER NO. 93-2023

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, 2024-023. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Do you want to amend the Missouri Constitution to:

- increase the state minimum wage to \$14.00 per hour starting January 1, 2025, with \$1.00 per hour increase each year until 2027, when the minimum wage would be \$16.00 per hour;
- adjust state minimum wage based on changes in the Consumer Price Index each January beginning in 2028; 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Bailey", written over a blue ink stamp of the signature.

ANDREW BAILEY
Attorney General