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OPINION LETTER NO. 5-2011

The Honorable Robin Carnahan
Missouri Secretary of State
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Carnahan:

This opinion letter responds to your request dated January 6, 2011, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Matt Cologna (version 2) regarding a proposed amendment to Article VIII of the Missouri Constitution. The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to allow early voting prior to federal general elections and include certain procedures relating to voter identification affidavits, voting address updates, and provisional ballots?

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 black ink that reads "Chris Koster".

CHRIS KOSTER
Attorney General