



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MISSOURI

JEFFERSON CITY

65102

CHRIS KOSTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

P.O. Box 899
(573) 751-3321

December 24, 2012

OPINION LETTER NO. 155-2012

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 December 13, 2012, for our review under § 116.334, RSMo, of a proposed summary statement prepared for the petition submitted by Aaron Malin regarding a proposed amendment to amend Chapter 213, Revised Statutes of Missouri, version 2 (2014-006). The proposed summary statement is as follows:

Shall Missouri law regarding the Missouri Commission on Human Rights be amended to:

- change the definition of discrimination to include any unfair treatment based on sexual orientation or gender identity; and
- provide an exception to the Commission's authority based on a sincerely held religious belief?

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

OP-2012-0162

The Honorable Robin Carnahan
Page 2

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 "Chris Koster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CHRIS KOSTER
Attorney General