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March 6, 2020

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose
180 E. Broad St.
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Re: Resubmitted Summary for Initiated Constitutional Amendment to Amend Article V,
Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution —“The Secure and Fair Elections Amendment”
(Number 4)

Dear Mr. LaRose,

On March 5, 2020, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 3505.062(A), I received the summary and text of a proposed constitutional amendment to amend Article V, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution. A copy of this summary and measure is attached hereto.

It is my statutory duty to determine whether the submitted summary is a “fair and truthful statement of the proposed law or constitutional amendment.” ORC Section 3519.01(A). If I conclude that the summary is fair and truthful, I am to certify it as such within ten days of receipt of the petition. In this instance, the tenth day falls on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Therefore, my determination is due on Monday, March 16, 2020.

Having examined the submission, I conclude that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed amendment. I therefore submit the following certification to the Ohio Secretary of State:

Without passing on the advisability of the approval or rejection of the measure to be referred, but pursuant to the duties imposed upon the Attorney General’s Office under Section 3519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed amendment.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost
Ohio Attorney General

cc: Amanda Grandjean, Esq., Director of Elections (*by email*)
Michael Grodhaus, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel (*by email*)
Andrew J. King, Esq., Legal Counsel (*by email*)

TITLE

The Secure and Fair Elections Amendment

SUMMARY

The Amendment would amend Article V, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution to:

- Require a representative sample of statewide elections to be audited to ensure the accuracy and integrity of elections.

FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article V, Section 1, of the Ohio Constitution is hereby amended to add the following language shown underlined below. Current language that is not changed appears without underline:

Section 1.

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