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Re: Referendum Petition on O.R.C. Sections 3770.03 and 3770.21

Dear Committee Members:

A copy of a written petition proposing to repeal all or portions of O.R.C. Sections 3770.21 and 3770.03 was submitted to my office on September 21, 2009, in accordance with Section 3519.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code. This statute specifies that the Attorney General is to conduct an examination of the summary within ten business days of receiving it. In this instance, the tenth day falls on Monday, October 5, 2009.

The Office's explicit statutory duty is to determine whether the submitted summary "is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be referred." *Id.* If I find that the summary is fair and truthful, then I am to certify it as such.

Having considered only the language of the summary submitted by the petitioners, I am of the opinion that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the measure to be referred. I am therefore submitting the following certification to the Secretary of State:

Without passing upon 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 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby certify that the summary is a fair and truthful statement of the proposed referendum concerning O.R.C. Sections 3770.21 and 3770.03.

Sincerely,

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Ohio Attorney General