

APPROVED ISSUE 1 BALLOT WORDING FOR NOVEMBER 7

Proposed Constitutional Amendment, Proposed by Initiative Petition

To enact Section 22 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio, a majority yes vote is necessary for the law to pass. The proposed amendment would:

**** Establish in the Constitution of the State of Ohio an individual right (1) to one's own reproduction medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion (2)(3);**

**** Create legal protections for any person or entity (9) that assists a person with receiving reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion;(2)(3)**

**** Prohibit the State (8) from directly or indirectly burdening, penalizing, or prohibiting an abortion (3) before an unborn child (4) is determined to be viable, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means;**

**** Grant a pregnant woman's treating physician (5) the authority to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether an unborn child (4) is viable;**

**** Only allow the State to prohibit an abortion (3) after an unborn child (4) is determined by the woman's treating physician (5) to be viable and only if the woman's treating physician (5) does not consider the abortion (3) necessary to protect the woman's life or health (6); and**

**** always allow the unborn child (4) to be aborted at any stage of pregnancy (7), regardless of viability if, in the woman's treating physician's (5) determination, the abortion (3) is necessary to protect the pregnant woman's life or health (6).**

If passed, the amendment will become effective 30 days after the election. Shall the amendment be approved?

DEFINITIONS

(1)-Individual right — "an individual" includes minors, there is no age limit to be an individual. By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

(2)-reproduction medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion—includes puberty blocker treatment and sex change treatment.

(3)-abortion (types of abortions)

1. <https://youtu.be/5THDmys8z30?si=1E1ZG7EWR1SuF6FJ> 1st Trimester Surgical Abortion: Suction (Aspiration) D & C
2. <https://youtu.be/IRDnVSMr5j0?si=CGbnRWuiHpY1Ro2K> 1st Trimester Medical/Chemical Abortion: Abortion Pills
3. https://youtu.be/jgw4X7Dw_3k?si=eqCkxndPUUV_4q9c 2nd Trimester Surgical Abortion: Dilation and Evacuation (D & E)
4. https://youtu.be/r5Af8vlym2o?si=K_kDIPEFpiBZRadN 3rd Trimester Induction Abortion: Injection and Stillbirth

5. <https://youtu.be/AS-iaMCWbJ8?si=Kv9i2t4uyIPjKc4t> Partial Birth Abortion, starts at 8:22

(4)-unborn child--includes all human beings created at the moment of fertilization. Fertilization occurs when a human egg unites with a human sperm, creating a new human being with its own unique DNA.

(5)-treating physician—is normally the abortion doctor who has a financial incentive to make decisions that are in the best interest of the doctor.

(6)-life or health—includes the physical, emotional, mental, financial, and social health of the woman.

(7)-aborted at any stage of pregnancy--includes the destruction of the unborn child up to the time of delivery/birth and partial birth abortions (see abortion definition-item 5 above).

(8)-Prohibit the State from directly or indirectly “burdening” --“State” includes any governmental entity and any political subdivision. Current Ohio laws require abortion providers to explain procedures, maintain certain medical conditions, and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a “burden” and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

(9)-any person or entity—includes teachers, coaches, school systems, counselors, any business, group or person

ACTUAL WORDING TO BE PLACED INTO THE OHIO CONSTITUTION

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article I of the Ohio Constitution is amended to add the following Section: Article I, Section 22. The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

A. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one’s own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on:

1. contraception;
2. fertility treatment;
3. continuing one’s own pregnancy;
4. miscarriage care;
5. and abortion.

B. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either:

1. An individual’s voluntary exercise of this right or
2. A person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual’s health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health.

C. As used in this Section:

1. “Fetal viability” means “the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis.”
2. “State” includes any governmental entity and any political subdivision.

D. This Section is self-executing.