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# THE POST-ROE LANDSCAPE:

## An Examination of Existing Laws

With ongoing court action surrounding a Texas law protecting unborn children once a fetal heartbeat can be detected, and this summer's anticipated decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization about Mississippi's Gestational Age Act protecting unborn children after 15 weeks, there is much speculation in the press and among pro-abortion groups about the future of Roe v. Wade and the post-Roe landscape in the nation.

While we are still awaiting a final decision from the Court in the Dobbs case, media outlets have opined about the landscape in the event of Roe's downfall. Adding to this national conversation are numerous public opinion polls that purport to find that a majority of Americans oppose the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade. These polls have helped pro-abortion organizations continue unabated with their decades-long public relations campaign that Roe v. Wade is somehow sacrosanct.

However, according to a poll conducted for Reuters/Ipsos December 13-17, 2021 (n=4047 with a margin of error of +/- 2.5%), more than two-thirds of Americans don't realize what would happen if Roe were overturned. Respondents were asked, "To the best of your knowledge, which of the following would happen if the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade?"

Sixteen percent believed "abortion would become illegal in the United States immediately;" 28% believed "abortions would become mostly illegal." Twenty-four percent didn't know or didn't respond. Just 32% accurately said "laws governing abortion would be made at the state level, allowing for it to remain legal in some states and become illegal in others."

While most pro-abortion organizations adopt a "sky is falling" stance claiming that if Roe were overturned by the Court, abortion would be illegal in a majority of the country, the reality is actually more complicated.

The map below details the possible landscape in the United States in a post-Roe society. While there are protective pro-life laws in many states that would be in effect (or go into effect) if Roe were reversed, far too many states would become abortion "safe havens," continuing to put mothers and their children at risk by allowing unrestricted abortion on demand.

A total of 18 states would protect unborn children immediately in a post-Roe landscape through either existing pre-Roe laws, "trigger" laws that would take effect following Roe's reversal, or both.

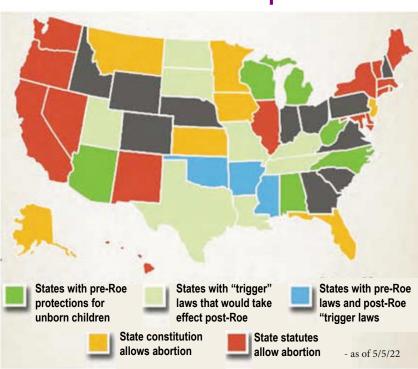
Twenty-three states would allow abortion either through legislatively-enacted statute or court ruling interpreting the state constitution to convey the right to abortion.

Some pro-life laws currently exist in Indiana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia that may possibly provide some immediate protection for unborn children and their mothers, but have no explicit prohibitions of abortion.

Georgia currently has an enjoined law that protects unborn children once the fetal heartbeat has been detected. Georgia leadership could seek to remove the injunction on the law post-Roe. Idaho has a similar heartbeat law with a "trigger" mechanism.

Kansas and Kentucky are currently advancing ballot initiatives that would insert language which excludes abortion into their respective constitutions. Michigan is currently advancing a ballot initiative to enshrine abortion in the state constitution.

# The Post-Roe Landscape





https://www.liveaction.org/news/500-pro-life-measures-states-majority-2022/

# Over 500 pro-life measures introduced in majority of states so far in 2022

Over 500 pro-life measures have been introduced in a majority of states so far in 2022. This follows a similar trend set in 2021, when a staggering amount of prolife legislation was introduced and passed — so much so that the abortion industry described it as the "Worst Year for Abortion Rights in Almost Half a Century."

According to data released by the Guttmacher Institute, 536 pro-life legislative measures have been introduced in 42 states in 2022, as of April 14. This former "special affiliate" of Planned Parenthood also claimed that 28 pro-life proposals have thus far passed at least one legislative chamber in 11 states, with 33 pro-life laws enacted in nine states....

"Even before the US Supreme Court rules on Mississippi's 15-week abortion ban in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization by the end of June, anti-abortion policymakers are banking on the Court's 6–3 anti-abortion majority to weaken or outright overturn Roe. They are preemptively flooding statehouses with restrictive bills in hopes that federal protections for abortion rights will soon be gone," Guttmacher wrote.

The pro-abortion organization claims that 86 "abortion bans" have been proposed in 31 states.

https://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/ NBA star Stephen Curry's mother reveals she almost aborted him

Golden State Warriors player Stephen "Steph" Curry is considered one of the NBA's greatest players and is a beloved member of the Curry family. During a recent interview with Christian Pastor Luke Norsworthy, Stephen's mother Sonya

Curry shared details from her new book, "Fierce Love: A Memoir of Family, Faith, and Purpose," including the revelation that she had originally scheduled an abortion when she learned she was pregnant with Stephen, but ultimately changed her mind.

Her pregnancy with Stephen was unplanned, and Curry decided to schedule an abortion at Planned Parenthood. However, she decided not to go in for the abortion procedure; one media outlet stated that Curry was standing outside of the abortion facility when she knew she wouldn't go through with it. One of the reasons she reconsidered the abortion, she said, was that she had previously undergone an abortion when she was in high school, dating an older man, and preparing to go to college. When she became pregnant unexpectedly a second time (this time the father was NBA player Dell Curry), she knew she didn't want to have another abortion.

"If I would have gone through that there would have been no Wardell Stephen Curry II, and ya know, God had a plan for that child," she told Norsworthy. "Just the Spirit interceding at that moment in a way that I didn't even know at the moment was happening, just spoke to again — the purpose of faith and [...] that, 'Okay I don't want to make this decision, because that would have been the second time and I don't want to make that decision again and now I just gotta trust God to move forward with me having this child."

She knew that with faith, she just had to make "this one right decision" to keep her baby, and leave the rest up to God. In a podcast interview with Jemele Hill, she revealed that, in an effort to be honest with her children about the struggles of life that exist, she has told Stephen that she considered aborting him.

Ultimately, it isn't that the NBA and its fans would have missed out on a star player that's the reason Curry's decision against abortion should be celebrated. While the joy Curry brings to NBA fans is noteworthy and makes it hard to imagine that he may have been killed before he was even born, his life has been valuable since the moment he came into existence at fertilization solely because he is a human being.

No human being should be denied their right to life because every human being is created by God in His image with a purpose and a plan.

https://www.lifenews.com/2022/04/12/florida-gover-nor-ron-desantis-signs-bill-to-promote-adoption/

## Florida Governor Ron DeSantis Signs Bill to Promote Adoption

In April, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed a bill to promote adoption and provide support for foster care parents and children. The legislation is a significant boost to abortion alternatives and helps with the kinds of financial issues that plague adoption.

The measure DeSantis signed provides financial benefits for foster parents, caregivers, and former foster children seeking higher education within the state.

The legislation has a \$25 million allocation, will provide a \$200 monthly subsidy to foster parents and other caregivers of preschool children to help cover child care and early learning costs. The other \$19 million will go toward increasing stipends for relatives and nonrelatives who house and raise children to the same level as those given to licensed foster parents.

"You can have lip service and talk about adoption and foster care, but are you going to actually put the money where your mouth is (and) deliver policy that is going to show that commitment is real? The signing of this bill ... should leave no doubt in the minds of anybody in the state of Florida that this state stands committed to the proposition that every life counts," DeSantis said.

The pro-life governor added: "All these kids deserve an opportunity, and we're going to do what we can to make sure their dreams and hopes and aspirations can become a reality in a loving home."

DeSantis signed the measure at Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus in front of families and supporters of the bill.

"Through this funding, more than 7,000 foster parents and caregivers will receive this subsidy for the children that are in their care. And that's going to make a big difference. Quite frankly, just from a feasibility perspective, foster parents have to work to put food on the table like anyone else. This will help them in that regard," the governor said.

## .... it's not the end of the world, but the beginning ....

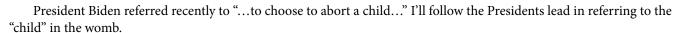
Abortion messages being repeated by protesters and media:

Reproductive freedom. Women's rights. Pro-choice. Pro-lifers are terrorists, sexists, and racists.

But, what is abortion? What is life? The truth about abortion is rarely addressed because it's hard and violent and the left doesn't want it aired.

Abortion is the intentional killing of an innocent human being. We can sugarcoat that truth with soft sounding language like "ending a pregnancy", but it is the intentional killing of an innocent human being -- every time.

What is life? My life began at conception — so did yours. We got 23 chromosomes from our mother's egg and 23 chromosomes from our father's sperm to make us with 46 chromosomes — our DNA. Some children are blessed with an extra chromosome - Downs syndrome, while others are given one less chromosome — monosomy. Our journey on this earth began at the moment of conception. That's not my opinion, that's scientific fact. World renowned brain surgeon Ben Carson was in St. Louis recently and said the exact same thing. He knows of what he speaks — scientific truth.



The left denies that truth and dehumanizes the child growing in the womb to justify killing him or her. It's easier to reconcile killing that child if you don't call them a child, but a clump of cells or a blob of tissue.

People are shouting, "Reproductive freedom." But they don't finish the thought....the freedom to do what? I'll finish it. The freedom to flush their young child down the toilet after starving him or her to death using the abortion pill(s).

They shout, "Women's rights." The right to do what? The right to dismember their living child one body part at a time.

They shout, "Pro-choice." The choice to do what? The choice to suck their child through a tube with a razor in it. So sad.

I told you this was hard and violent. You see why the left doesn't want this aired.

They shout, "Pro-lifers are terrorists." Terrorists kill innocent people. Over the last nearly 50 years, over 63 million innocent children have been killed by abortion. Pro-lifers have tried to stop the killings. Who are the terrorists?

They shout, "Pro-lifers are sexist." My daughter was told to abort her child at 7 months gestation because the baby had a serious heart condition. She refused. Her daughter is now a junior nursing student, plays six musical instruments and is brilliant. They are both pro-life women. They are not sexists.

They shout, "Pro-lifers are racist." Blacks comprise about 14% of America's population yet have nearly 40% of America's abortions. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, said the abortion industry is doing what the KKK couldn't do — killing the black population. We're trying to save those children. The abortion industry is killing them. Who are the racists?

They shout that abortion is needed in poor communities because people will grow up in poverty. Dr. Carson grew up in poverty. Wouldn't it have been a shame if he had been aborted?

They shout, "Keep your bans off my body." That would be fine if it was only one body. But there are two bodies at stake. A pregnant mother goes into Planned Parenthood carrying the body of her child in her womb. She comes out without her child. Sad, but true.

We who are pro-life are dedicated to saving the lives of innocent children and helping confused mothers -- saving them from the physical, emotional, and spiritual consequences of abortion. We love them both!

Following the left-leaning media over the last few weeks, one would believe the end of the world is at hand.

Actually, it's not the end of the world, but the beginning of the world for those innocent children who will be allowed to live and make their mark in this world. Who will be the next Dr. Ben Carson? How glorious the thought!

Steve Rupp



# Missouri 2022 Legislative Session Wrap

## **Pro-Life Bills Dies in Senate**

On April 6 the MO House sent the MO Senate the pro-life omnibus bill (HCS HB 2012), as amended. On April 27 the Senate Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee voted SCS HCS HB 2012 Do Pass. The Senate Government Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee (GAFO) received the bill on May 4th and sat on the pro-life bill (SCS HCS HB 2012) even though they held several meetings.

Do not believe what you read in the press that lays the blame at the foot of the Conservative Caucus. The blame lies in who controls the ability to move bills forward and that is the House and Senate leadership and Committee Chairmen. Fact: it is Senate leadership that shut down session a day early instead of working to pass pro-life legislation.

#### SCS HCS HB 2012 contained the following:

A modified version of HB 1854 (Rep. Nick Schroer), SB 667 (Sen. Eric Burlison), SB 779 (Sen. Elaine Gannon) & SB 1103 (Sen. Rick Brattin) to defund Planned Parenthood because the Biden administration is attempting at every turn to get rid of the Hyde Amendment. The Senate added language regarding MO Healthnet provider qualifications from the Senate 2021 Interim Committee.

- A modified version of HB's 1593 & 1959 (Rep. Sarah Walsh and Rep. Doug Richey) & SB 753 (Sen. Eric Burlison)—the "Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" giving care to babies born alive after an abortion.
- Amendment by Rep. Adam Schnelting for prosecution of criminal conduct for anyone committing the crime of rape or incest resulting in a pregnancy.
- HB 2810 (Rep. Brian Seitz) Regulates abortion-inducing drugs shipped to Missouri residents without an in-person consultation with a physician. This language would prevent the "trafficking of abortion-inducing drugs."
- Adds language to extend postpartum care for women for up to 12 months after birth SB's 698 & 639 (Sen. Elaine Gannon and Sen. Jill Schupp) NOTE: Funding for this provision was put in place in the Dept. of Social Services budget bill.
- Adds language creating a "Correctional Center Nursery Program" for newborn babies. SB 834 (Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer) & HB 1897 (Rep. Bruce DeGroot) NOTE: This language passed in SB 688 (Sen. Cindy O'Laughlin) in the final hours of the legislative session.

In the end, important pro-life legislation, SCS HCS HB 2012, died in the Senate Government Accountability and Fiscal Oversight Committee. This committee is chaired by Sen. Lincoln Hough from Springfield and Sen. Bill White from Joplin.

SJR's 52 & 53 (Sen. Andrew Koenig and Sen. Bob Onder), a combined pro-life Joint Resolution, also died on the Senate calendar. SJR's 52 & 53 would have put the following in our Missouri Constitution to ensure that abortion is not deemed by the courts to be a right in Missouri: all children are a gift from God and states clearly that there is *no* right to abortion in the Missouri Constitution.

#### **Congressional Redistricting**

After passing a stronger 6/2 Congressional Map than what was sent to the Senate earlier, the Senate adjourned for the session early. The reason Missourians have a stronger Congressional Map to maintain



our 6 pro-life Republicans is because Missourians stood up and asked our Legislators to come up with a stronger map. And the Conservative Caucus took on this request. Of course pro-life Missourians wanted to send more conservatives to Washington because of the Biden/Pelosi/Schumer pro-abortion agenda to expand abortion.

Ultimately, Republican leaders outside of the Conservative Caucus decided against a 7/1 map or a 6/1/1 map and instead chose a stronger 6/2 map which more than likely maintains status quo for 6 Republicans and 2 Democrats in our Congressional delegation.

After ending session early, Senate leaders held a press conference. Sen. Rowden announced his dislike of calling the previous question to shut down filibusters and said that he will not vote for a PQ in the Senate. Compromise will be how the Senate operates moving forward. Rowden, the present Senate Majority Leader, is in line to become the next President Pro-Tem if voted in by his Senate colleagues.

Very important: if you want your pro-life values protected, you will talk to your Senate candidates about their position on calling the previous question to shut down a pro-abortion filibuster on a pro-life bill in the Missouri Senate. Compromise for pro-abortion Senators means gutting a pro-life bill and taking away any pro-life protections.

#### **Budget Bills**

The House and Senate funded pro-life programs in the budget bills. They tried what they said was a new way to defund Planned Parenthood by putting the pro-life language back in the budget bills. The MO Supreme Court, in June of 2020, said that defunding in the budget process was unconstitutional. The House and Senate decided to do it anyway and added a "0" budget line item for Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood has challenged this idea. We await the outcome of the court challenge on this.

We hope what the House and Senate have done to try to keep our tax dollars from going to abortion providers works, but too many little unborn lives are at risk to take such a big chance. SCS HCS HB 2012 would have put our pro-life defund Planned Parenthood language in statute. Keep in mind that to date in 2022 Missouri has sent Planned Parenthood over a million dollars in our tax dollars. And that is in addition to large donations they receive from pro-abortion donors.

The legislature also continued funding for Alternatives to Abortion and Show Me Healthy Babies that are so crucial in assisting women in unplanned pregnancies.

SS SCS HB 1878 passed and will help to maintain integrity in our election process which is important for MRL PACs' work.

We are reviewing all bills passed this session and will keep you updated with new developments on legislation that might affect any of our pro-life work. We also continue to work with our Congressional delegation in Washington to save innocent human lives.

## A Strawman Solution

Linda Verhulst Missouri Right to Life-Western Region

overty is a problem, would you agree? Homelessness is a problem, unemployment is a problem, hunger is rampant, drug use is epidemic, and people say that the foster care system is a mess.

The solution of modern American culture for these social ills is to kill a child in the womb to shield him or her from these negative experiences or a difficult life. Or more accurately, to kill the child before he or she has the chance to experience life (outside the womb) at all, difficult or otherwise. Some go so far as to say that abortion is an act of love that protects a child from what is sure to be a horrible and unhappy upbringing or existence.

Apart from the whole taking-a-life conundrum, we really

have no way of knowing how each child's life will manifest itself. We are not fortune tellers or mind readers. But, you say, we can make predictions based on present circumstances and historical trends. Yes, we can, and we

This backward reasoning demonstrates that aborting those that may be afflicted with a disability or hardship does not eliminate the disability or hardship itself. It eliminates a statistic. A living, breathing statistic.

can use that information to address and inform on how to make life better for the next generation, rather than make life nonexistent for the next generation.

But, alas, this often requires sacrifice. How many stories have you heard of someone from a poor or crime-infested neighborhood who was able to grow up and "make something of themselves" due to the sacrifices made by their parents? Unfortunately, over the years, the willingness to sacrifice one's own happiness for someone else seems to be waning as a cultural construct in favor of self-fulfillment or self-actualization. The probability of a low standard of living or a life of struggle has become the litmus test for whether a life is worth living at all.

Using abortion access to address social ills just adds another layer of despair and destruction, compounding the problem without addressing it. It reminds me of countries like Iceland and Denmark that have "cured" Down syndrome by aborting

all unborn babies with this disability. This is an absurd "non solution," of course. This backward reasoning demonstrates that aborting those that may be afflicted with a disability or hardship does not eliminate the disability or hardship itself. It eliminates a statistic. A living, breathing statistic.

A look at the very founding of the abortion industry shows that it is steeped in eugenics as the vehicle for eliminating poverty and the "human weeds" (Margaret Sanger's words) that comprise the black community. Abortion supporters claim that laws restricting abortions are racist and harm the black community. However, on average in our country, black women are 4-5 times more likely to abort, and it is estimated that 52% of pregnancies

in the black community end in abortion (LifeNews, 2/4/2022). What is more harmful to any group of people than eradicating it? Yet poverty, racial disparity, and domestic abuse are still alive and kicking. We will

never know how the millions of aborted black babies could have positively impacted the black community.

How do we quantify "hardship" anyway, or "unhappiness," or even "mental illness"? These terms are so broad that it is the human condition to experience them all to some degree throughout our lives. They are also words you may hear when a woman is considering an abortion -- her life is too hard, she is too poor, she is not "mentally stable" enough to raise a child, she cannot give her child a happy life, etc. These statements are all relative and fluid. Difficult circumstances may destroy some but strengthen others. How one feels today may not be how they feel tomorrow.

A negative experience for one person could produce positive results for another. It would appear that not only do we not have the right to play God and destroy the sanctity of life through abortion, neither do we possess the capability of determining or predicting the quality of life for any other human being. No one can experience a life worth living if they're never born.



## Lake Area Right to Life Group Launched

The first meeting of a lake area Missouri Right to Life Chapter was held on May 17 at Sunrise Bible Church in Sunrise Beach, MO.

Missouri Right to Life Mid-State Region Chair Bonnie Diefendorf was the guest speaker. Diefendorf explained that MRL is a non-partisan, multi-denominational, state-wide organization which upholds and promotes the sanctity of all innocent human life from the inception of biological development through natural death by providing education and by supporting legislation and programs that endorse that ideal, and by organizing citizens for effective results.

"We are concerned about all citizen life issues," Diefendorf explained. "The end-of-life issue is moving forward in America and already is well established in other nations. A number of states have passed assisted suicide legislation."

Diefendorf also discussed the possible reversal of Roe v Wade by the U.S. Supreme Court and what the implications of this might be.



Bonnie Diefendorf speaking with the organizers of the new lake area Missouri Right to Life Chapter.



July 6th is the last day to register to vote in Missouri's Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election.

The next issue of the Missouri Right to Life News will include the Missouri Right to Life PAC Endorsements for the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election.

## Memorials & Honorariums

In memory or in honor of a loved one or a friend, these gifts were made to Missouri Right to Life

In memory of ~	Given by ~	In memory of ~	Given by ~	In memory of ~	Given by ~
Dick Akright	Michael Bruns	Kathy Lewandowski	Mr & Mrs Walter Emerson	David Metherd	Doug Munsell
	John & Nancy Janes	Emily Newsham	Jan Boyle		Jonathan Lark
	Louanna Peterson	Mary Nolan	James Nolan		Jan Boyle
Arthur Borgmeyer	Barbara Parkhurst	Natalie Turner	Marcia Azar		Tim & Tammy Zuerlein
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	Jim & Jodie Mathis		Marianette Robben		•

Missouri Right to Life thanks those who honor their deceased loved ones or who celebrate an important event by making a gift to MRL.

Marianette Robben

# Pro-Life Across Missouri save adate

Monday, June 6 Washington, MO - East Central Area

Chapter-Missouri Right to Life will hold a Right to Life Prayer Service for the Unborn at 12:00 noon. The service will be held at St. Francis Borgia in Washington. Please join us if you can.

Sat., June 18 Jefferson City - MRL Statewide leader-

ship meeting at Pleus Hall, Immaculate Conception Parish, 1206 E McCarty. Social time 9:30-10:00 am, meeting time

10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Friday, Saturday Atlanta - National Right to Life
June 24-25 Convention, the essential pro-life

Convention, the essential pro-life educational event bringing together the grassroots to learn and encourage one another! Visit NRLCconvention.com for

more information.

Monday, June 27 Kansas City - Parkville Women's Clinic

Fatherhood 9 Hole Golf Tournament at Staley Farms Golf Club, 5:00pm. Register at www.egsnetwork.com/events/?eventid=EDD2C00E4C064E4

September 28 - Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign - Is your November 6 church youth group or organization

church, youth group, or organization looking to adopt a day or multiple days? Now is a good time to start planning!



Beth and Mike Sykora with Missouri Right to Life Western Region, and Karin Capron with Kansans for Life, at the Midwest Homeschoolers Conference working hard for life! They want to be sure people have information about the Value Them Both Amendment that will be on the Kansas primary ballot in August.



A great crowd was in Jeff City for April's Midwest March for Life. Shown above, Susan Klein, MRL Executive Director, was one of the speakers at the event rally.

## The 2022 Pro-Life Action Day at Missouri's State Capitol

Pro-life Missourians joined together on March 8th in Jefferson City to celebrate life and to urge their representatives and senators to pass pro-life legislation. The message to the crowd from the speakers at the noon rally was clear -- don't give up, keep fighting, push harder, dig deeper, we're winning.... for LIFE! Thanks to all who were there!





The pro-life crowd in the Capitol Rotunda for the noon rally was encouraged and inspired by all the speakers. Missouri Right to Life's featured guest was Melissa Ohden who survived a failed saline abortion. She has quite a story to tell! Melissa is pictured above with MRL President Steve Rupp.



What a beautiful day for MRL Eastern Region's annual golf tournament! A good time was had by all, both enjoying the company and the golf and raising funds to spread the pro-life message. Thank you, golfers, for sharing your day with Missouri Right to Life!



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## Missouri Right to Life PAC Opposes "Ranked-Choice Voting"

It is likely that "Ranked-Choice Voting" will be on your November election ballot. The main purpose of "ranked-choice voting" is to undo the current party system of voting.

Missouri Right to Life PAC is opposed to the rankedchoice voting scheme!

In ranked-choice voting, all the candidates for an office are listed on a single ballot in the primary and then the top vote getters run against each other in the general election. The voters rank each of the candidates from most favorable (1st) to least favorable. If the candidate with the most votes does not get over 50% in the first round, the candidate with the least votes is eliminated and the votes get recalculated until a winner is determined.

This process is very confusing and could be easily manipulated. From an election authority standpoint, it is a more complicated and time-consuming process with re-tabulating and recounting. Experience has shown that election results in ranked-choice voting cases have resulted in less popular candidates winning elections.

Missouri Right to Life PAC sees "Ranked-Choice Voting" as an attempt by progressives to break down our conservative pro-life majorities in Missouri.

For these reasons, MRL PAC encourages you to vote against it should it make it to the ballot.

## **VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment**

- Are you a state of Kansas voter?
- Do you have family or friends who are Kansas voters?





The Value Them Both Amendment will appear. It would protect preborn babies and their moms from the abortion industry by passing a state constitutional amendment that would allow the state legislature to pass laws restricting and regulating abortion.

#### The Value Them Both Amendment:

- Reverses the Kansas court case that created a nearly unlimited "right" to abortion. Because of that decision, every reasonable regulation of abortion in the state may soon be struck down.
- Safeguards laws that protect and help women and babies.
- Takes steps to rein in the abortion industry.

In Kansas, July 12<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register to vote for the August election. Be sure you're registered, and vote "yes" on the Value Them Both Amendment!