



THE BATTLE TO KEEP MISSOURI PRO-LIFE - “DECLINE TO SIGN” TALKING POINTS

Our Missouri Constitution is our state’s supreme (highest) law and governing document; all Missouri laws must conform to our state’s Constitution. Missouri currently has more than 52 pro-life laws in its state statutes. Abortion is currently unlawful in Missouri under our state statutes, except to save the life of the mother. Currently, under Missouri state law, procedures to address ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage are not considered abortions. The Initiative Petition (IP) is the process by which individuals can seek to put language on the ballot for voters to amend (change) our Missouri Constitution. Pro-abortion efforts are underway to use the IP process to put an amendment on the November 5, 2024 ballot statewide in Missouri to enshrine a so-called “right” to abortion in Missouri’s state Constitution. Pro-abortion efforts are seeking collect approximately 170,000 signatures statewide in Missouri to meet the state’s thresholds to put this amendment on the November 5, 2024 ballot to enshrine a “right” to abortion in our Missouri Constitution. If they don’t collect enough signatures, the amendment will not appear on the ballot. If they do and the amendment is on the November 5, 2024 ballot and approved by voters, a “right” to abortion will be enshrined in our Missouri Constitution if the amendment receives a majority of votes (50% plus one vote) statewide.

If this amendment passes and abortion is enshrined as a “right” in the Missouri Constitution, a right to late-term abortion paid for with taxpayer money with no health protections for women and no parental consent for minors is inevitable. Missouri laws protecting the right to life will be challenged and eliminated, which conflict with these constitutional changes, including:

- Allow abortion for “health” reasons from conception to live birth
- Allow late-term abortions on demand
- Allow chemical abortions on demand and over the counter purchase of the drugs without a doctor involved
- Allow a significant loss to state and local revenue
- Allow human cloning
- Allow experimentation or “research” on unborn children
- Eliminate Parental Consent
- Eliminate requirement for abortionist to offer an ultrasound of mother’s unborn baby
- Eliminate 72-hour waiting period
- Eliminate health and safety standards for abortion clinics
- Eliminate ban on abortion for race, gender and Down Syndrome diagnosis
- Eliminate a woman’s ability to seek criminal prosecution/civil penalty of any person who performs, assists or provides support to induce, seek or obtain an abortion in any state
- Eliminate your State Representative/Senator’s authority to refuse to appropriate funds to abortion providers (tax-payer funded abortions)
- Force Pregnancy Resource Centers to Refer for Abortions
- Forbid the state from requiring health care professionals to take steps to save the life of a baby born alive after an abortion
- Forbid the state from distributing evidence-based information about the life and growth of the unborn child at each stage of development to anyone seeking any abortion
- Forbid the state from regulating surrogate-womb arrangements

Share this information with your friends and family and encourage them to do the same as we work together to Keep Missouri Pro-Life!