

THE TRUTH ABOUT ISSUE 1

THE ABORTION BALLOT INITIATIVE



1. REMOVES PARENTS' RIGHTS

The initiative's language uses the legal term "individual," which does **not** differentiate between adults and minors. An "individual" legally refers to citizens of all ages—nullifying parents' rights to stop their children from making harmful decisions.



2. ALLOWS ABORTION THROUGH NINE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In the case "Doe v. Bolton," the court defined "health" to include physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age, allowing for abortion without limits in the proposed amendment.



3. ENSHRINES THE "RIGHT" TO SEX-CHANGE SURGERY AND HORMONES FOR MINORS

The initiative would enshrine protections for anything involving "reproductive decisions." This would include gender transition "therapy" like hormones and irreversible surgeries.



4. ENABLES ABUSERS

Any "person" that "assists" an "individual," including a minor, in getting an abortion or sex change would now be legally protected in doing so. This includes an adult man abusing a teenage girl or a teacher going behind a parent's back.

SEE AMENDMENT'S LANGUAGE



FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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

1.

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

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

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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.

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.

2.

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.

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