



What you NEED TO KNOW about Proposal 5:

Proposal 5 is a legislative proposal to amend the Vermont Constitution with pro-abortion language.

Proponents of Proposal 5 have stated publicly that their goal is to ensure unlimited, unregulated abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

The final language is below. It has already progressed through the first phase of the amendment process by being approved by both the Vermont House and Senate in 2019.

If the House approves this language again in the 2022 legislative session, Article 22 will appear on your general election ballot for a "Yes" or "No" vote in November of 2022.

Proposal 5 = Abortion-on-demand

"People on both sides of the debate over abortion know that 'reproductive autonomy' is publicly understood to be a way of referring to an unlimited abortion license, that is, elective abortion permitted through the entire nine months of gestation and pregnancy up to and including the process of birth."

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What will Proposal 5 mean for Vermont taxpayers?

The guarantee of "personal reproductive autonomy" is likely to be interpreted by lawmakers and the Vermont court system to mean that taxpayers must:

- Pay for abortions.
- Pay for sterilizations and sterilization reversals.
- Pay for the expenses associated with infertility and surrogacy.
- Fund pro-abortion organizations, like Planned Parenthood.

What else does "personal reproductive autonomy" mean?

According to supporters of Proposal 5 the right to "personal reproductive autonomy" will mean more than unlimited abortion.

- Proposal 5 will mean whatever the Vermont courts decide it means.
- According to Planned Parenthood of Vermont's spokesperson, Proposal 5 "will open up a range of different questions for future lawmakers..... for years to come." (Paige Feeser, Public Affairs Organizer for Planned Parenthood, 7/30/2020)

Action Alert:

Call your Representatives in the Vermont House and tell them to vote NO on Proposal 5 before it is taken up in the 2022 legislative session.

- Amending the Vermont Constitution to include the language of Proposal 5 is reckless and irresponsible, dangerous and expensive as well as morally and ethically wrong.
- The lives of countless unborn babies will be placed at further risk of abortion if Proposal 5 is adopted.
- Vermonters cannot afford Proposal 5 and all of its unknown repercussions.

Proposal 5: (Article 22)

Sec 2. Article 22 of Chapter I of the Vermont Constitution is added to read:

Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty.]

That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.