

Montana CI-128, Right to Abortion Initiative



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This measure would:

- Protect abortion up to viability (24 weeks)
- Prevent any future attempts to regulate, limit, or ban abortion unless another constitutional amendment is passed
- Add in exceptions post viability to protect the life or health of the mother, as determined by providers (this could result in later-term abortions)
- Protect providers, patients, and people who coerce a woman into abortion from being prosecuted for the abortion

MONTANA'S CURRENT LAW:

Abortion is legal in Montana until the baby is 24 weeks, which is considered viability. If the baby is at or past the stage of viability, the mother cannot get an abortion in Montana unless she meets the exceptions that there is a risk to her health or life. Parental notification is required for children 16 and under.

Catholics should vote **NO** on Montana CI-128

A human being's life begins the moment the sperm fertilizes the egg. This is now a unique and unrepeatable person.

Abortion is the intentional killing of a human being before he or she is born. The Catholic Church teaches that abortion is never morally licit.

The Church teaches that neither rape nor incest justifies the taking of an innocent human being's life.

Doctors never need to intentionally kill the baby to save the mother's life; therefore the "life of the mother" argument is invalid. In his address to midwives, Pope Pius XII taught that a physician should do all he can to preserve both lives. If the baby dies while the doctor tries to save the mother, this is not considered an abortion.

Any formal cooperation in abortion constitutes a grave sin. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human beings (CCC 2272).



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