

# **STOP THE EXTREME ABORTION-UNTIL-BIRTH AMENDMENT TO THE VIRGINIA CONSTITUTION**

**Here is what the Abortion-until-Birth Amendment will do if enacted and why we need to make sure this Extreme Amendment is never added to the Virginia Constitution.**

**The Amendment will overturn these existing pro-life laws that protect the unborn:**

- ✗ Parental Consent
- ✗ Limitations on taxpayer funding of abortions
- ✗ Restrictions on abortion up until the moment of birth
- ✗ Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

**The Amendment will prevent passage or reinstatement of the following pro-life laws and prevent any other new pro-life laws or regulations including:**

- ✗ Parental Consent requirements before abortion
- ✗ Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
- ✗ Woman's Right-to-Know laws including a Waiting Period
- ✗ Protecting Unborn Children from Dismemberment abortions
- ✗ Mail Order Chemical Abortion
- ✗ Sex-selection Abortion
- ✗ Stop unrestricted taxpayer funding of abortion

**Here is the process for amending the Virginia Constitution:**

- A resolution supporting the Constitutional Amendment must pass both the State Senate and the House of Delegates during the same legislative session.
- A general election for the House of Delegates must be held in between.
- The exact same resolution must pass the State Senate and the House of Delegates during the next session after the election.
- The resolution is voted on as a ballot referendum. If, a majority of those voting favor the amendment, the amendment will be added to the Virginia Constitution. The vote by the public is scheduled by the General Assembly.
- Pro-Abortion forces intend to pass the Amendment during the next Session. We must expose this radical plan now if we are going to be able to defeat this Amendment.

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# Frequently Asked Questions about the Abortion-until-Birth Amendment

## 1. What is the official name of the Abortion-until-Birth Amendment?

Answer: The Constitutional Amendment was introduced as the “***Fundamental Right to Reproductive Freedom***”. The bill number in 2024 is HJ 1 & SJ 1: *Provides that every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom and that the right to make and effectuate one's own decisions about all matters related to one's pregnancy cannot be denied, burdened, or otherwise infringed upon by the Commonwealth, unless justified by a compelling state interest and achieved by the least restrictive means. The amendment prohibits the Commonwealth from penalizing, prosecuting, or otherwise taking adverse action against an individual for exercising the individual's right to reproductive freedom or for aiding another individual in the exercise of such right, unless justified by a compelling state interest.*

## 2. Why do you call it the Abortion-until-Birth Amendment?

Answer: Reproductive Freedom is legal code for Unlimited Abortion. The courts could certainly interpret this amendment as allowing unfettered, unregulated abortions for any reason and at any time in pregnancy, including the moment of birth. Resulting in an already increasing number of new abortion facilities & state abortion funds, making Virginia the Abortion Center of the South.

## 3. Who is the lead Sponsor of this Amendment?

Answer: We do not know who intends to carry this bill forward in the 2025 General Assembly session. However, during the 2024 General Assembly session lead patron in the House was pro-abortion Delegate Charniele Herring and in the State Senate was pro-abortion Senator Ghazala Hashmi.

## 4. How can be the amendment be defeated?

Answer: Having a pro-life majority of State Senate or House of Delegates defeat the resolution in the General Assembly or Virginians defeat the bill during a ballot initiative. We believe it is important to defeat this Amendment when being voted on by the Virginia General Assembly. Planned Parenthood, with vast financial resources, would dramatically outspend pro-life efforts if the Amendment goes to a referendum.

## 5. What can I do to help defeat the Abortion-Until-Birth Amendment?

Answer: There are many ways you can get involved in the effort to defeat this Amendment including:

- Sign the online petition to “Stop the Abortion-Until-Birth Amendment” at [www.vshl.org](http://www.vshl.org)
- Print the petition, collect signatures and return to VSHL. A paper version is available on the VSHL Website.
- Distribute copies of this flyer to friends, family, church, clubs and public events.
- Contact your State Senator and Delegate to oppose the Amendment.
- Vote for Pro-Life Candidates and Volunteer to help VSHL.
- Sign up for VSHL’s email list and follow us on social media.
- Donate to VSHL at [www.vshl.org](http://www.vshl.org).