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INITIATIVE PETITION

Amendment to the Constitution
Proposed by Initiative Petition
To be submitted directly to the electors



Amendment

Title: To criminalize the killing, known as "abortion," of all pre-born human beings in the Ohio Constitution .

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

To prohibit abortion of all unborn human beings, without exception, and classifying it as aggravated murder in the State of Ohio.

The proposed law would not

- 1. Affect genuine contraception that acts solely by preventing the creation of a new human being.
- 2. Affect human "eggs" or oocytes prior to the beginning of the life of a new human being.
- 3. Affect reproductive technology or IVF procedures that respect the right to life of newly created human beings.

FULL TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit abortion.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, a proposal to enact Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to read as follows:

Article XV

Section 12. (A) As used in this section:

- (1) "Abortion" means the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance or device to intentionally kill an unborn human.
- (2) "Unborn human" means an individual organism of the species

 Homo sapiens from fertilization, whether fertilization occurs inside
 or outside of a human, until live birth.
- (B) No person shall perform, procure, or attempt to perform an abortion.
- (C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of aggravated murder, and shall be punished in accordance with the penalties for that crime under the law passed by the General Assembly in effect on the effective date of this section, or in accordance with the penalties for a crime replacing aggravated murder under law passed by the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this proposal, Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, 7 mily Cancy - Stown , declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the			
circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of electors, that the signatures ap-pended			
hereto were made and appended in my presence on the date set opposite each respective name, and are the signatures			
of the persons whose names they purport to be or of attorneys in fact acting pursuant to the sec-tion 3501.382 of the			
Revised Code, and that the electors signing this petition did so with the knowledge of the contents of the same. I am			
employed to circulate this petition by			
(name and address of employer). (The pre-			
ceding sentence shall be completed as required by section 3501.38 of the Revised Code if the circulator is being employed to circulate the petition.)			
I further declare under penalty of election falsification in accordance with section 3501.38 of the Revised Code that I witnessed the affixing of every signature to the foregoing petition paper, that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign, and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and be-lief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code.			
(Signed) Ullu			
(Address of circulator's permanent residence in this state) 106 worshive Rd			
Bellville			

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.