

# Personhood

## OHIO

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Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine  
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ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE

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Dear Mr. DeWine,

Thomas Jefferson said, "The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction is the first and only legitimate object of good government." We respectfully deliver more than 1800 signatures of Ohio voters with our Initiative Petition to amend the Ohio Constitution to protect every preborn child in Ohio. This is Ohio's moral duty and within our lawful, constitutional jurisdiction. The Ohio Personhood Amendment defines the word "person" and "men" as those terms are used in Article 1, Section 1, and Article 1, Section 16 of the Ohio Constitution, to include every human being at every stage of biological development, including fertilization.

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.

We anticipate your certification, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3519.01(A).

The Personhood Ohio committee includes:

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Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you.

Respectfully submitted,



David Daubenmire



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Petition: # \_\_\_\_\_

County: ATHENS 2

## INITIATIVE PETITION

Amendment to the Constitution

Proposed by Initiative Petition

To be submitted directly to the electors

### Amendment

Title: To define "person" and "men" in the Ohio Constitution to protect all unborn children

#### AMENDMENT SUMMARY

The Ohio Personhood Amendment would amend the Ohio Constitution to define the word "person" and "men" as those terms are used in Article I, Section 1, and Article I, Section 16, of the Ohio Constitution, to include every human being at every stage of biological development, including fertilization.

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#### CERTIFICATION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

This certification of the Attorney General, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3519.01(A), will be inserted when it is provided. This initial petition must be submitted with at least one thousand (1,000) valid signatures of Ohio electors before the Attorney General will issue that certification.

#### COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT THE PETITIONERS

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ATHENS

The Ohio Personhood Amendment Petition

**NOTICE: Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once; except as provided in section 3501.382 of the Revised Code, signs a name other than one's own on this petition; or signs this petition when not a qualified voter, is liable to prosecution.**

(Sign with ink. Your name, residence, and date of signing must be given.)

Signature	County	Township	Rural Route or other Post-Office Address	Month/Day/Year
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(Voters who do not live in a municipal corporation should fill in the information called for by the headings printed above.)

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Signature	County	City or Village	Street and Number	Ward Precinct	Month/Day/Year
1 Signature <i>Bruce G. Shon</i> Print Name <i>Bruce G. Shon</i>	<i>athens</i>	<i>Blount</i>	<i>18 60's TAYLOR BILKIN</i>		<i>12/7/11</i>
2 Signature <i>Teresa Pollock</i> Print Name <i>Teresa Pollock</i>	<i>Athens</i>	<i>Amesville</i>	<i>1 Harrison St</i>		<i>12/7/11</i>
3 Signature Print Name					
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FULL TEXT OF AMENDMENT

Be it resolved by the people of the State of Ohio that Article 1, Section 16, of the Ohio Constitution be adopted and read as follows:

Redress in courts. All courts shall be open, and every person, for an injury done him in his land, goods, person, or reputation, shall have remedy by due course of law, and shall have justice administered without denial or delay.

[Suits against the state.] Suits may be brought against the state, in such courts and in such manner, as may be provided by law.

*Insert:* Article 1, Section 16(b). "Person" and "men" defined:

- (A) The words "person" in Article 1, Section 16, and "men" in Article 1, Section 1, apply to every human being at every stage of the biological development of that human being or human organism, including fertilization.
- (B) Nothing in this Section shall affect genuine contraception that acts solely by preventing the creation of a new human being; or human "eggs" or oocytes prior to the beginning of the life of a new human being; or reproductive technology or In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) procedures that respect the right to life of newly created human beings.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR

I, JAMES P. JOHNSON, declare under penalty of election falsification that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition paper containing the signatures of 2 electors, that the signatures appended 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 section 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 preceding 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 belief 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) James P. Johnson  
 (Address of circulator's permanent residence in this state) 5063 Dresden Ct.  
Zanesville OH 43701

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