

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 229**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE**

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SYNOPSIS

Proposes constitutional amendment to prohibit Legislature from funding abortion providers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 A **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article VIII of
2 the New Jersey Constitution by adding a new paragraph.

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
5 Jersey (the Senate concurring):

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7 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of
8 the State of New Jersey is agreed to:

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10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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12 Amend Section II of Article VIII by adding a new paragraph 10
13 to read as follows:

14 10. The Legislature shall not appropriate or allocate any moneys
15 to any abortion provider. As used in this paragraph:

16 "Abortion" means the intentional termination of pregnancy,
17 through pharmaceutical or mechanical means, on or before the
18 anticipated date of natural fetal delivery, which termination
19 procedure results in the death of the fetus. "Abortion" does not
20 include the inducement of labor or other methods used for the pre-
21 term or full-term delivery of a fetus, when such methods are
22 intended to produce a live birth.

23 "Abortion provider" means any health care facility, organization,
24 or practitioner who provides abortions to patients in New Jersey.

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26 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
27 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
28 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
29 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
30 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
31 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
32 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
33 months prior to the general election.

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35 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
36 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and
37 form:

38 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the
39 general election, the following:

40 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used,
41 a legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

42 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
43 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are
44 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
45 square opposite the word "No."

46 b. In every municipality the following question:

	YES	<p>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM FUNDING ABORTION PROVIDERS</p> <p>Do you approve amending the Constitution to prohibit the State from funding abortion providers? This change would ensure that providers of abortion in the State will not receive any State funds in the future.</p>
	NO	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>The proposed amendment would make abortion providers ineligible for any State funding. This change would ensure that State funds will no longer be used to support the activities of any person or entity that provides abortions in the State.</p> <p>A “yes” vote will amend the Constitution to prohibit the Legislature from giving any funding to providers of abortion. This means that the Legislature will be unable to use State funds to support the activities of any person or entity that provides abortions.</p> <p>A “no” vote will leave the Constitution unchanged. This means that the State will continue to be able to use State funds to support the activities of any person or entity that provides abortions.</p>

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STATEMENT

This constitutional amendment would prohibit the Legislature from appropriating or allocating any funding to abortion providers. “Abortion” is defined to mean the intentional termination of pregnancy, through pharmaceutical or mechanical means, on or before the anticipated date of natural fetal delivery, which results in the death of the fetus. “Abortion” does not include labor inducement or other methods used for pre-term or full-term delivery, when such methods are intended to produce a live birth. “Abortion provider” is defined to include any health care facility, organization, or practitioner who provides abortions to patients in New Jersey.

If approved by the voters, the proposed amendment would make abortion providers ineligible for any State funding, and it would thereby prevent any future Legislature from using State funds to finance or otherwise support the abortions or other services being offered by these providers.