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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 51

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator CARDINALE

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing an amendment to Article VIII of the
2 Constitution of the State of New Jersey by adding a new section VI,
3 paragraph 1.

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

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

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11 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

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13 Amend Article VIII by adding a new section VI, paragraph 1, as follows:

14 **Section VI**

15 1. No State funds may be expended or provided for the performance of
16 an abortion unless the abortion is medically necessary to save the mother's life,
17 provided that nothing herein shall preclude the application of the supremacy
18 clause of the United States Constitution in those federal programs in which the
19 State of New Jersey participates.

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

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

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

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

3 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus (+) or
 4 check (O) in the square opposite the word "Yes."

5 If you are opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (O) in the
 6 square opposite the word "No."

7 b. In every municipality the following question:
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	<p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ABORTIONS</p> <p>Shall the amendment to Article VIII by adding a new section VI, paragraph 1, providing that no State funds may be expended or provided for the performance of an abortion unless the abortion is medically necessary to save the mother's life, provided that nothing herein shall preclude the application of the supremacy clause of the United States Constitution in those federal programs in which the State of New Jersey participates, be approved?</p>
	<p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>NO</p>	<p>INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT</p> <p>This constitutional amendment would prohibit the use of State funds for the performance of an abortion unless the abortion is medically necessary to save the mother's life; except that the amendment shall not preclude the application of the supremacy clause of the United States Constitution in those federal programs in which the State of New Jersey participates.</p>

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STATEMENT

36 This proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit the use of State
 37 funds for the performance of an abortion unless the abortion is medically
 38 necessary to save the mother's life; except that the amendment shall not
 39 preclude the application of the supremacy clause of the United States
 40 Constitution in those federal programs in which the State participates.

41 This amendment will allow for the full implementation in New Jersey of the
 42 "Hyde Amendment," which currently allows for taxpayer funded abortions

- 1 when it is necessary to save the mother's life and in cases of rape and incest.

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3 Proposes amendment to the Constitution to prohibit use of State funds for

4 abortions, except under certain circumstances.