



Get the facts

on Abortion in FL Today from Medical Experts

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Roe v. Wade

- On Jan 22, 1973 SCOTUS found in favor of plaintiff Jane Roe, by 7-2 who had sued Dallas, TX DA Henry Wade
- SCOTUS cited the 14th Amendment (right to privacy) stating that a woman's right to choose to have an abortion falls within that right to privacy.
- Although the state has legitimate interests in protecting both the mother and the "potentiality of human life," the relative weight of each of these interests varies over the course of pregnancy.
- Court found that prior to "viability", the state cannot regulate or prohibit abortions, however once the fetus reaches the point of "viability," a state may regulate abortions or prohibit them entirely, so long as the laws contain exceptions for cases when abortion is necessary to save the life or health of the mother.

Note: in 1973 "viability was defined as "24-28 weeks of pregnancy"



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Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

- In June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court overruled the *Roe* decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* (by a 6-3 vote) on the grounds that the substantive right to abortion was not "deeply rooted in this Nation's history or tradition", nor considered a right when the Due Process Clause was ratified in 1868, and was unknown in U.S. law until *Roe*.
- This ruling removed the federal protection of abortion, essentially leaving it up to the states, which is why there is a lot of confusion and a pregnant person's options depend upon where they live.



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Abortion is still legal in FL BUT with restrictions

- Banned after 15 weeks, unless fatal fetal anomaly or life of mother in danger
 - No exceptions for rape or incest
- Mandatory in-person counseling
- Required 24-hour waiting period after initial consult
- Mandatory ultrasound
- Parental consent in writing and notification if under age 18
- Medications must be physician-prescribed
- Abortion costs are not covered by Medicaid or the Marketplace policies in FL (Hyde Amendment)
- TRAP laws (Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers) include things like increased requirements for providers, admitting privileges, increased record-keeping, etc with violations resulting in criminal and/or civil penalties.



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Florida's Abortion Protections

- As part of the state constitution's fundamental right to privacy, abortion protection is included.
- There are currently lawsuits challenging the 15 week abortion ban.



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Court: Parentless girl, 16, not 'mature' enough for abortion

August 16, 2022

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — An appellate court has upheld a lower court ruling that a parentless 16-year-old girl in the Florida Panhandle was not “sufficiently mature” to end her pregnancy while seeking a waiver from a state law that requires minors to get parental consent for an abortion.

The teen, known as Jane Doe 22-B in court papers, had told the lower court that she wasn't ready to have a baby, didn't have a job and the father was unable to assist her. She was pursuing a GED and living with a relative. The teen also told the lower court that her appointed guardian was “fine” with her decision to have an abortion.



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On August 2, voters in Kansas rejected a proposed state constitutional amendment that would have banned abortion. Kansas was the first state to vote on abortion rights since the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson's Women's Health Organization*.



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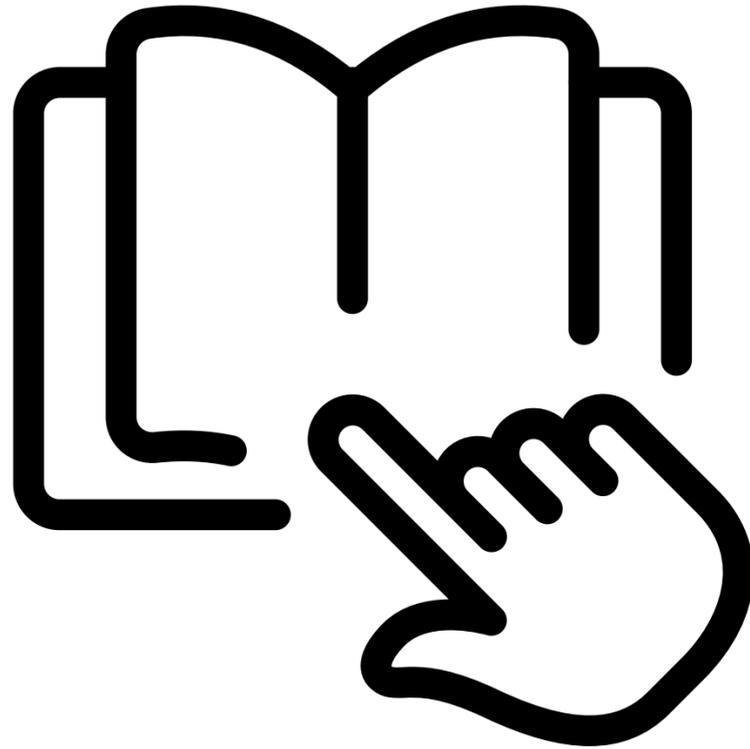
Should the Kansas constitution be amended to remove protections of abortion rights?

Updated Aug. 5, 2022 >95% REPORTED 

| Answer | Votes | Pct. |
|----------------|---------|-------|
| ✓ No | 543,855 | 59.0% |
| Yes | 378,466 | 41.0 |
| Total reported | 922,321 | |



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References

[Center for Reproductive Rights](#)

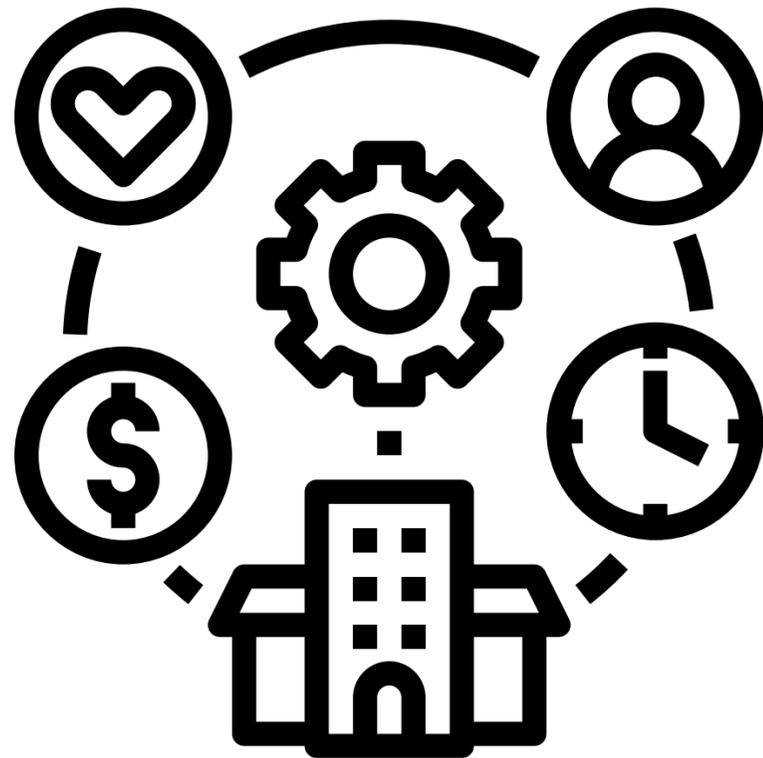
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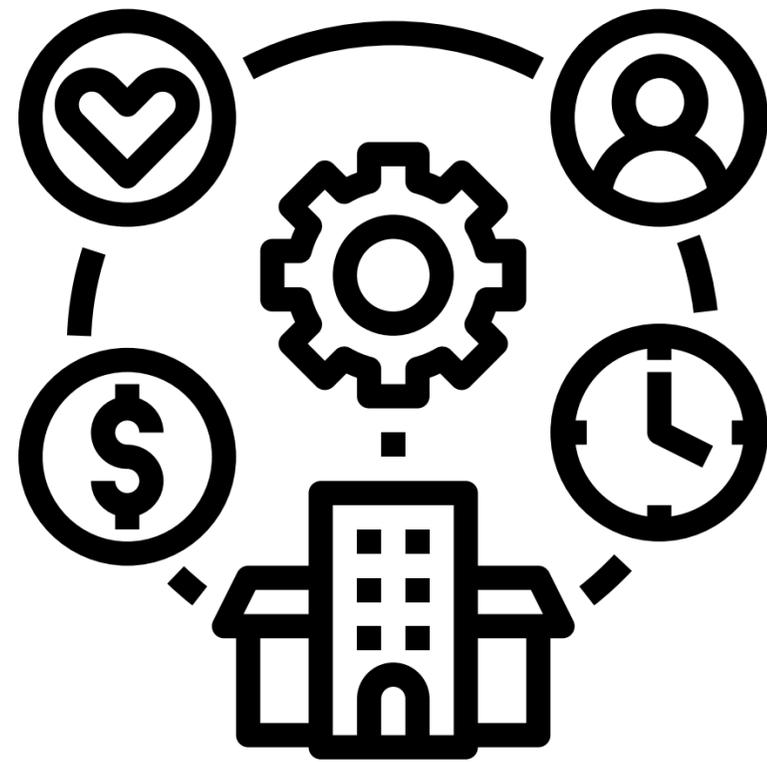


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- [*Planned Parenthood--Jacksonville Health Center*](#)
- [*Florida Women's Center*](#)



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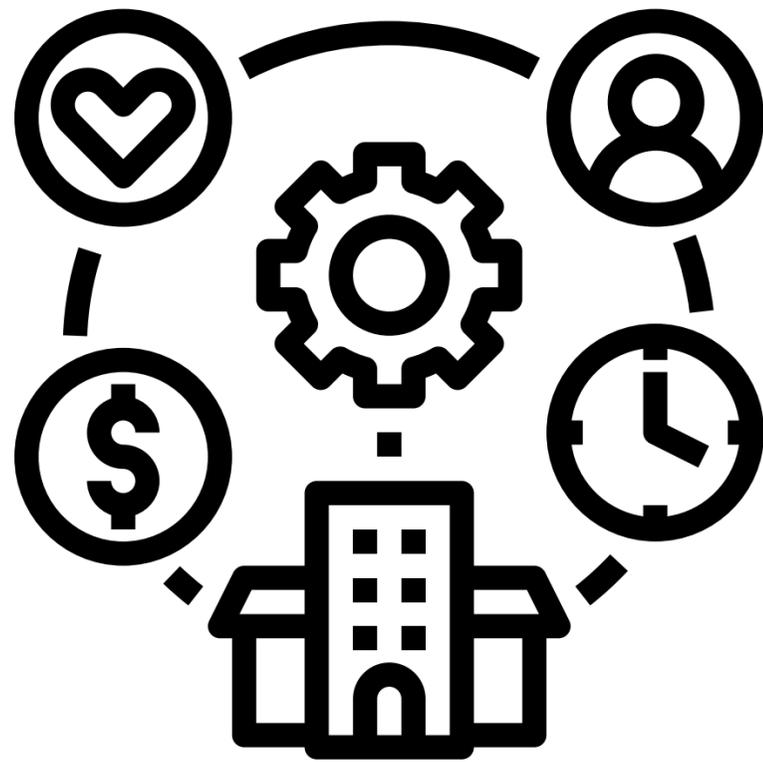
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ASSISTANCE IN ACCESSING ABORTION

- [Florida Access Network](#)
- [Three for Freedom](#)
- [National Network of Abortion Funds](#)
- [Planned Parenthood](#)
- [National Abortion Federation](#)



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GROUPS SUPPORTING WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

- [Jacksonville N.O.W.](#)
- [A Woman's Choice](#)
- [Women's March](#)
- [Planned Parenthood](#)
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- [Floridians for Reproductive Freedom](#)



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Thank
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