

SC2023-1392

In the Supreme Court of Florida

ADVISORY OPINION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RE:
LIMITING GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE WITH ABORTION

ON PETITION FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

CORD BYRD
Secretary of State

September 7, 2023

The Honorable Ashley Moody
Attorney General
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Dear Attorney General Moody:

Section 15.21, Florida Statutes, provides that the Secretary of State shall submit an initiative petition to the Attorney General when a sponsoring political committee has met the registration, petition form submission and signature criteria set forth in that section.

The criteria in section 15.21, Florida Statutes, has been met for the initiative petition titled **Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion, Serial Number 23-07**. Therefore, I am submitting the proposed constitutional amendment petition form, along with a status update for the initiative petition, and a chart that provides a statewide signature count and count by congressional districts.

Sincerely,



Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

CB/am

pc: Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.

Enclosures

SEP 8 '23 RCVD

Attachment for Initiative Petition

Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion Serial Number 22-07

1. **Name and address of the sponsor of the initiative petition:**
Raymer Maguire, Chairperson
Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.
Post Office Box 4068
Sarasota, FL 34230
2. **Name and address of the sponsor's attorney, if the sponsor is represented:**
Unknown.
3. **A statement as to whether the sponsor has obtained the requisite number of signatures on the initiative petition to have the proposed amendment put on the ballot:** Currently, the sponsor has not obtained the requisite number of signatures to have the proposed amendment placed on the ballot.
4. **If the sponsor has not obtained the requisite number of signatures on the initiative petition to have the proposed amendment put on the ballot, the current status of the signature-collection process:** Currently, the Supervisors of Elections have verified forms from more than 25% of the number of electors statewide in one-half of the congressional districts of the state pursuant Section 100.371(13), Florida Statutes.
5. **The date of the election during which the sponsor is planning to submit the proposed amendment to the voters:** Unknown. The earliest date of election that this proposed amendment can be placed on the ballot is November 5, 2024, provided the sponsor successfully obtains the requisite number of verified valid signatures by February 1, 2024.
6. **The last possible date that the ballot for the target election can be printed in order to be ready for the election:** The content of the general election ballot must be finalized sufficiently in advance to allow the Supervisor of Elections to be able to meet the statutory deadline to send vote-by-mail ballots to uniformed and overseas voters no later than 45 days before the General Election which is to be held on November 5, 2024.
7. **A statement identifying the date by which the Financial Impact Statement will be filed, if the Financial Impact Statement is not filed concurrently with the request:** Unknown. The Financial Impact Estimating Conference was forwarded the petition in accordance with section 100.371(13), Florida Statutes.
8. **The names and complete mailing addresses of all parties who are to be served:** This information is unknown at this time.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FULL TEXT

Ballot Title: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Ballot Summary: No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

Article and Section Being Created or Amended: Creates - Article 1, New Section

Full Text of the Proposed Amendment: New Section, Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Limiting government interference with abortion.— Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

Initiative Information

Date Approved 05/08/2023

Serial Number 23-07

Sponsor Name: Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.

Sponsor Address: Post Office Box 4068, Sarasota, FL 34230
DS-DE 156 (10-2021)

R1S2.009, Fla. Admin. Code

SUMMARY OF PETITION SIGNATURES

Political Committee: **Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.**

23-07 Amendment Title: **Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion**

Congressional District	Voting Electors in 2022 Presidential Election	For Review		For Ballot	Signatures Certified	
FIRST	425,309	8,507		34,025	4,538	
SECOND	412,618	8,253	***	33,010	12,686	
THIRD	395,894	7,918	***	31,672	8,832	
FOURTH	402,287	8,046	***	32,183	21,202	
FIFTH	428,313	8,567	***	34,266	11,553	
SIXTH	429,855	8,598	***	34,389	8,740	
SEVENTH	435,728	8,715	***	34,859	13,423	
EIGHTH	461,782	9,236		36,943	6,953	
NINTH	343,247	6,865	***	27,460	8,184	
TENTH	340,944	6,819	***	27,276	18,826	
ELEVENTH	427,352	8,548		34,189	7,756	
TWELFTH	426,688	8,534	***	34,136	11,002	
THIRTEENTH	454,849	9,097	***	36,388	20,851	
FOURTEENTH	395,813	7,917	***	31,666	21,568	
FIFTEENTH	374,818	7,497	***	29,986	9,909	
SIXTEENTH	411,680	8,234	***	32,935	12,811	
SEVENTEENTH	453,286	9,066	***	36,263	25,866	
EIGHTEENTH	352,565	7,052		28,206	6,671	
NINETEENTH	436,664	8,734	***	34,934	9,457	
TWENTIETH	339,559	6,792	***	27,165	9,422	
TWENTY-FIRST	445,876	8,918	***	35,671	15,576	
TWENTY-SECOND	395,672	7,914	***	31,654	11,146	
TWENTY-THIRD	410,856	8,218	***	32,869	9,059	
TWENTY-FOURTH	331,931	6,639	***	26,555	8,002	
TWENTY-FIFTH	387,170	7,744		30,974	5,175	
TWENTY-SIXTH	319,572	6,392		25,566	3,064	
TWENTY-SEVENTH	360,319	7,207		28,826	3,961	
TWENTY-EIGHTH	343,381	6,868		27,471	3,509	
TOTAL:	1,144,028	222,895	20	891,537	0	309,742
Statewide Total:	1,144,028	222,881	14	891,523	14	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via the e-filing portal or by e-mail this 31st day of October, 2023, to the following:

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