

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1581

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BAKER.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal sections 477.060, 477.170, and 477.180, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to judicial proceedings.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 477.060, 477.170, and 477.180, RSMo, are repealed and four  
2 new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 188.140, 477.060, 477.170, and  
3 477.180, to read as follows:

**188.140. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

2 **(1) "Abortion":**

3 **(a) The act of using or prescribing any instrument, device, medicine, drug, or**  
4 **any other means or substance with the intent to destroy the life of an embryo or fetus in**  
5 **his or her mother's womb; or**

6 **(b) The intentional termination of the pregnancy of a mother by using or**  
7 **prescribing any instrument, device, medicine, drug, or other means or substance with an**  
8 **intention other than to increase the probability of a live birth or to remove a dead**  
9 **unborn child;**

10 **(2) "Pro-life individual or organization", any individual or any nonprofit**  
11 **domestic firm, partnership, association, or corporation, including those which operate**  
12 **under the standards of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended,**  
13 **where the interests or purposes of such individual or organization include, but shall not**  
14 **be limited to, protecting the sanctity of life or defending the right to life of all humans,**  
15 **born and unborn;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16           **(3) "Unborn child", the offspring of human beings from the moment of**  
17 **conception until birth and at every stage of its biological development, including the**  
18 **human conceptus, zygote, morula, blastocyst, embryo, and fetus.**

19           **2. Any pro-life individual or organization may intervene in any action in which a**  
20 **provision of the Constitution of Missouri, any Missouri statute, or any Missouri rule**  
21 **that involves the regulation of abortion or where the rights of an unborn child is at issue.**  
22 **The first pro-life individual or organization to file for intervention shall represent the**  
23 **rights of the unborn child in such proceeding and shall have the right to file such**  
24 **pleading necessary on behalf of the unborn child. Any other pro-life individuals or**  
25 **organizations may submit amicus curiae briefs on their own behalf or on behalf of the**  
26 **unborn child.**

          477.060. The jurisdiction of the southern district of the court of appeals shall be  
2 coextensive with the counties of Barry, Barton, Butler, Camden, Cedar, Carter, Christian,  
3 Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Howell, Hickory, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald,  
4 Newton, Ozark, Oregon, Polk, Pulaski, Phelps, Ripley, St. Clair, Shannon, Stone, Texas,  
5 Taney, Webster, Wright, Dent, Crawford, Maries, **Cole, Miller**, Reynolds, Iron, Wayne,  
6 Bollinger, Scott, Stoddard, Dunklin, Pemiscot, New Madrid and Mississippi.

          477.170. There shall be [~~eleven~~] **seven** judges of the western district of the court of  
2 appeals.

          477.180. There shall be [~~seven~~] **ten** judges of the southern district of the court of  
2 appeals.

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