

HB 1581 -- JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SPONSOR: Baker

This bill allows any pro-life individual or organization to intervene in any action in which a provision of the Missouri Constitution, a Missouri statute, or a Missouri rule involving the regulation of abortion or the rights of an unborn child is at issue. The first pro-life individual or organization to file for intervention will represent the rights of the unborn child in the proceeding and will have the right to file any necessary pleadings on behalf of the unborn child. Any other pro-life individuals or organizations can submit amicus curiae briefs on their own behalf or on behalf of the unborn child.

The bill also moves Miller and Cole Counties to the jurisdiction of the Southern District Court of Appeals from the Western District. Finally, the bill reduces the number of judges in the Western District from 11 to seven and increases the number of judges in the Southern District from seven to 10.

This bill is the same as SB 794 (2025).