

# TWO BIG COURT CASES ABOUT TO IMPACT ABORTION

*By summer of 2022, everything could change ...*

## “Dobbs”

### A CASE BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

#### Background

In 1973's Roe v. Wade decision, the U.S. Supreme Court opened the door for legal abortion in America.

But in 2018, Mississippi passed a law restricting abortion after the 15<sup>th</sup> week. That law, and the Roe ruling it challenges, are now before the U.S. Supreme Court in a case called Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization.

#### Where the case stands now

Oral arguments were heard in December 2021, and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision will likely be issued in Summer 2022.

#### What a ruling could mean

This is the biggest challenge to abortion law in 30 years. The Court could uphold or overturn Roe v. Wade. Some believe the current, more conservative Court may rule instead that individual states should decide their own abortion laws. ***But this will NOT stop abortion in Iowa, because of the case described below.***

## “Planned Parenthood v. Reynolds”

### A CASE BEFORE THE IOWA SUPREME COURT

#### Background

In 2018, the Iowa Supreme Court declared abortion to be a nearly unlimitable “fundamental right” in our state.

Nonetheless, in 2020 Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law a 24-hour waiting period for abortion, a direct challenge to that 2018 ruling. That law is now being challenged before the Iowa Supreme Court in a case called Planned Parenthood of the Heartland v. Kim Reynolds.

#### Where the case stands now

Oral arguments are scheduled for February 2022, and the Iowa Supreme Court's decision will likely be issued in Summer 2022.

#### What a ruling could mean

Iowa's Supreme Court could overturn the 2018 “fundamental right” ruling, once again permitting some legal limits on abortion. But if not, Iowans will be nearly helpless to stop lawsuits from making abortion legal through all 9 months of pregnancy and potentially leading to taxpayers funding elective abortions.

***Thus, many Iowans are advocating for the Protect Life Amendment, so Iowans can once again debate abortion and perhaps even pass laws protecting preborn children.***



# 6 FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IOWA'S PROTECT LIFE AMENDMENT



## 1 WHAT IS THE PROTECT LIFE AMENDMENT?

An amendment to our state constitution proposed by Iowans who believe babies in the womb are worth protecting from abortion.

## 2 WHY IS IT NEEDED?

In 2018, five judges on the Iowa Supreme Court declared abortion a “fundamental right,” making it nearly impossible for Iowa’s laws to protect preborn children.

## 3 WHAT WILL THE AMENDMENT DO?

It will give Iowans the opportunity to debate abortion and perhaps even pass laws protecting preborn children.

## 4 WHAT IF IT DOESN'T PASS?

Iowans would be nearly helpless to stop lawsuits from making abortion legal through all 9 months of pregnancy and potentially leading to taxpayers funding elective abortions.

## 5 WHAT IF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT OVERTURNS ROE V WADE?

Without the Protect Life Amendment, it won't make a difference in Iowa. In fact, women from other states would likely travel to Iowa to have abortions.

## 6 WHAT'S NEEDED NEXT?

Before the Protect Life Amendment can go to a vote of the people, it must pass the State Legislature again in 2023 or 2024. It is crucial for Iowans to elect leaders in 2022 who will defend the sanctity of human life and support the Protect Life Amendment.

“*That little child in her mother's womb? She's a baby, and she deserves a birth-day.*”

Get involved today at [PulseForLife.org](https://PulseForLife.org) or [ShesABaby.com](https://ShesABaby.com)

