



Florida Department of State
Division of Elections

PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS; CONSTRUCTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS

Reference:

ARTICLE I, SECTION 28

Summary:

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This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

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Sponsor:

The Florida Legislature

Status: *Defeated*

Made Ballot:	06/30/2011
Ballot Number:	6
Election Date:	11/06/2012
Votes For:	3,511,631
Votes Against:	4,308,513

