



**Planned Parenthood  
Vermont Action Fund**

[Proposal 5, Right to Personal Reproductive Liberty](#)

**What is Prop 5?**

- Prop 5 is a proposal that would amend the Constitution of the State of Vermont to reflect the value that every Vermonter should be afforded personal reproductive liberty.

**What will Prop 5 protect?**

- Prop 5 would guarantee ALL Vermonters the right to become pregnant and carry a pregnancy to term; to choose or refuse sterilization; to choose abortion; and to choose or refuse contraception.

**Why a Constitutional Amendment?**

- Vermonters have supported and valued reproductive freedom for nearly 50 years.
- A Constitutional amendment allows Vermonters an opportunity to preserve this freedom, no matter what happens in Washington, D.C.

**Why is it important to amend the Vermont Constitution to include reproductive liberty?**

- Reproductive liberty is a civil rights issue. The proposed amendment upholds the will of Vermonters: that an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine their own life's course.
- Our rights are at risk. The U.S. Supreme Court could overturn *Roe v. Wade* as soon as this year, which would block millions of people from the health care they need. If *Roe* is overturned, one in three women of reproductive age could live in states where abortion is not only overturned, but criminalized.
- Nationally, abortion rights are under attack. The Trump Administration has issued global and domestic gag rules blocking funding to abortion providers. And at the state level, over 400 abortion restrictions have gone into effect since 2011.

**When will Prop 5 take effect?**

- The constitutional amendment must pass both the Senate and House chambers in two consecutive legislatures, followed by a vote by Vermonters in the general election. In the 2019-2020 legislative session, Prop 5 PASSED in the House and Senate. In 2021-2022, the new House and Senate will vote on the amendment.
- The soonest Prop 5 could take effect is Election Day 2022.

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