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and Southwest Missouri

## Texas Copycat Abortion Ban

[SB 778](#) - [Sen. Brattin](#) (R-31, Harrisonville)

*SB 778 is modeled after Texas's SB 8, a harmful abortion ban that has forced patients to flee their home state just to access basic reproductive health care. If implemented in Missouri, it will dismantle what little is left of abortion access and create a chilling effect on patients, providers, and loved ones.*

### **Violates people's right to privacy with bounty-hunter provisions.**

- As in Texas, the bounty-hunter provision creates a chilling effect on any person who is involved with the abortion process — patients, providers, and loved ones.
- Weaponizing bounty-hunter provisions doesn't just take aim at abortion access, it could also be used against other rights and freedoms like marriage equality.

### **This bill seeks to ban abortion before many people even know they're pregnant.**

- Bans abortion as early as six weeks, once fetal cardiac tones are detected.
- Uses medically inaccurate terms like "heartbeat" to describe cardiac tones despite medical evidence that a heart organ does not exist that early in pregnancy.

### **The Texas copycat abortion ban is deeply unpopular with voters across all political identities.**

- A recent poll of Missourians shows the majority of voters — 54 percent — oppose Texas-style abortion bans like SB 778.
- The same poll showed 75 percent of voters want to see abortion remain safe and legal.
- The Impact Research poll, conducted in February 2022, was made up of a majority of people who voted for President Trump. This is consistent with national data, which shows the majority of people — Democrats, Republicans, and independents — want abortion to remain safe and legal.