

HOUSE BILL NO. 574

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN  
5 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO ~~PROVIDE~~ CLARIFY THAT THE  
6 MONTANA CONSTITUTION DOES NOT GRANT OR SECURE A RIGHT TO ABORTION ~~AND THAT THE~~  
7 ~~MONTANA CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS~~ OR THE PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTION."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Article II of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended by adding  
12 a new section 36 that reads:

13 **Section 36. No right to abortion or public funding for abortion.** ~~(1)~~ Nothing in this constitution  
14 grants or secures a right to abortion OR THE PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTION.  
15 ~~————(2) Public funds may not be used to pay for abortion.~~

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17 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Two-thirds vote required. Because [section 1] is a legislative proposal  
18 to amend the constitution, Article XIV, section 8, of the Montana constitution requires an affirmative roll call vote  
19 of two-thirds of all the members of the legislature, whether one or more bodies, for passage.

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21 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. If approved by the electorate, [this act] is effective January  
22 1, 2013.

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24 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Submission to electorate. [This act] shall be submitted to the qualified  
25 electors of Montana at the general election to be held in November 2012 by printing on the ballot the full title of  
26 [this act] and the following:

- 27  FOR ~~prohibiting the public funding of abortion and~~ clarifying that there is no STATE constitutional  
28 right to abortion OR THE PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTION.
- 29  AGAINST ~~prohibiting the public funding of abortion and~~ clarifying that there is no STATE  
30 constitutional right to abortion OR THE PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTION.

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