

HOUSE BILL NO. 574

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

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

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

Section 36. No right to abortion or public funding for abortion. (1) Nothing in this constitution grants or secures a right to abortion.

(2) Public funds may not be used to pay for abortion.

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

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

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

- FOR prohibiting the public funding of abortion and clarifying that there is no constitutional right to abortion.
- AGAINST prohibiting the public funding of abortion and clarifying that there is no constitutional right to abortion.

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