



Be a Voter

In the August 2 Primary and Special Election to Change the Kansas Constitution

YOU can help determine the rights of Kansans for many years to come by registering to vote and then voting in the August 2 Special Election, determining whether to change the Kansas Constitution.

According to a poll conducted by the Docking Institute of Public Affairs at Ft. Hays University, more than 60 percent of Kansans oppose further restrictions on abortion. Abortion is already highly regulated in Kansas.

What does my “NO” vote mean?

A “no” vote is a vote for the status quo. The Kansas Constitution guarantees us all the right to privacy for medical decisions, including reproductive decisions. Women and families have the right to make all personal health care decisions for themselves, without interference from the government. Your “NO” vote preserves that right.

What does a “YES” vote mean?

A “yes” vote removes the right to privacy. It says you cannot make those personal health care decisions and puts the decision-making power into the hands of the legislature and the government.

Primary Election and Special Election

The election is **Tuesday, August 2**. The deadline to register, if you have changed your name or address or are a new voter, is **Tuesday, July 12**.

Who Can Vote in this Election?

Any registered Kansas voter can participate in this election. Democrats, Libertarians, Republicans, and people with no political affiliation can vote. You do not have to affiliate as a Democrat or Republican to vote; you can receive a ballot and vote directly on the issue of the Constitutional Amendment.



Kansas Constitution

Our Constitution was adopted January 29, 1861 and reads that “All men (and women) are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” In that the Kansas Bill of Rights “affords protection of the right of personal autonomy, which includes the ability to control one’s own body, to assert bodily integrity, and to exercise self-determination.” In 2020, the Kansas Legislature decided to attempt to amend the constitution to deny the right of privacy and self-determination.

Is Abortion Regulated in Kansas Today?

Abortion as a medical procedure is already highly regulated in Kansas. The proposed amendment goes beyond reasonable regulation. It has no exceptions for

rape or incest, and would put government in charge of making decisions about reproductive health.

Since 1983, the League of Women Voters of the U.S. has had the same policy position in place. It says, **“The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that public policy in a pluralistic society must affirm the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.”**

The League of Women Voters supports and is a member of a nonpartisan coalition, Kansans for Constitutional Freedom. You can learn more about them at: [Kansas for Constitutional Freedom | Ensuring safe and legal abortion in Kansas \(kansansforfreedom.com\)](https://kansansforfreedom.com).

