

COLORADO LIFE INITIATIVE

Summary Brief for Legal, Medical, and Public Review 2025–2026 Ballot Proposal

FOR ATTORNEYS

Title: Protection of Children Revised Statute & A Child’s Right to Be Born Amendment

Purpose:

- Repeal the 2022 Colorado constitutional provision (Art. II, § 32) that created a “right” to abortion.
- Establish personhood and legal protection for children from the moment of conception.
- Criminalize elective abortion and prohibit the operation of abortion clinics and abortion pill distribution.

Key Legal Features:

- **New Constitutional Amendment (Art. II, § 33):** Declares that children shall be protected from the moment of conception. Self-executing.
- **Repeal of Art. II, § 32:** Eliminates constitutional protection for abortion.
- **New Statute (C.R.S. § 18-3-101.1):** Adds criminal and licensing enforcement provisions against abortion providers.
- **Definitions and Enforcement (C.R.S. § 18-3-101.2–101.3):** Provides legal clarity on protections for children and grants local authorities the ability to close death facilities.

Legal Strategy:

- Designed to meet Colorado’s **single-subject rule**.
- Self-executing language ensures the initiative becomes enforceable immediately upon voter approval.
- Includes severability clause to preserve the remainder if any part is invalidated.
- Prepares for federal litigation by emphasizing non-discrimination and due process protections for preborn children.