

Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Be Vigilant!



Proposed Amendments to Virginia's Constitution would:



Create a radical
“fundamental right”
to abortion
(Opposed by VCC)



Remove Virginia's
“union between one
man and one woman”
definition of marriage
(Opposed by VCC)



Restore voting rights
(Supported by VCC)

These three proposals were **initially approved** by the General Assembly earlier this year. If they pass the legislature again in 2026 – and are then approved by Virginia voters on a ballot – they would become law.

The legislators we elect this November will decide whether the proposed amendments are advanced or stopped.



Extreme, Radical and Deadly Abortion Amendment

This proposed amendment would enshrine virtually unlimited abortion at any stage of pregnancy as a “fundamental right” in Virginia's constitution.

In addition to the paramount problem of not recognizing the child's life, the amendment:

- Does not include any age restriction
- Does not include any safety standards
- Jeopardizes Virginia's parental consent law
- Jeopardizes Virginia's conscience protections for healthcare providers
- Expands Virginia's already permissive abortion laws
- And has numerous other problems!

Abortion is a fundamental tragedy, not a “fundamental right”.

Ending a life is not a right and does not belong in the constitution.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments:



✗ Amendment Rejecting the Truth about Marriage

This proposed amendment would remove Virginia's constitutional definition of marriage as the "union between one man and one woman." It would add language recognizing "any lawful marriage between two adult persons" instead.

Marriage was created by God as the union of a man and a woman. God's design and purpose for marriage existed before any nation, religion or law.

The family – based on marriage between a man and a woman – is the fundamental unit of society and is integral to the common good.

**Marriage – as created by God – is essential to the common good.
Each of us is called to preserve God's design.**

✓ Amendment Restoring Voting Rights

This proposed amendment would restore voting rights to all people who have completed their prison sentences.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate...in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person.... As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in *public life*" (nos. 1913-1915).

Enabling individuals, upon release, to resume taking an active part in voting decisions affirms their dignity and provides them a second chance to fulfill their duty to participate in promoting the common good. It enables them to have a say in decisions that affect them, their families and their communities.

As the U.S. Catholic Bishops have noted, restoring voting rights is an important aspect of reintegration:

"[W]e must welcome ex-offenders back into society as full participating members, to the extent feasible, and support their right to vote."

- *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000.

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