

The State of Abortion Laws in Virginia

Virginia has very few limits on abortion:

First Trimester

No limits – even certain non-physicians may perform the abortion.

Second Trimester

No limits, except that the abortion must be performed in a hospital by a physician.

Third Trimester

The abortion must be performed in a hospital by a physician. The physician and two consulting physicians must certify that the pregnancy is likely to result in the woman's death or irremediably impair the woman's mental or physical health. The broad "mental health" language makes this requirement largely ineffective.

Virginia also has a ban on partial-birth abortion and, subject to exceptions that can be granted only through a judicial process, requires parental consent for minors to obtain an abortion.

So what changes if Virginians vote yes on Ballot Question 1?

The Amendment (Ballot Question 1):

- Creates risky loopholes for unregulated abortions by unlicensed abortion providers, threatening the health of mothers and healthy babies.
- Lets the government remove parents from critical healthcare decisions involving their children.
- Puts women's health and safety at risk.
- Fails to require care for babies born alive after an attempted abortion, allowing them to be left to die.



Vote NO on Ballot Question 1

**Early voting starts Sept. 18!
Election day is Nov. 3!**

Learn more:
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