

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Tomorrow, Electoral College in Jeopardy

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We need you to contact your representatives to ask for their support on HB1113, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

Partial-birth abortion is a very brutal process—probably the most brutal and dangerous form of abortion in existence. Arkansas—among other states—passed a ban on partial birth abortions roughly 10 years ago, but these bans were struck down by the Supreme Court. However, since that time, a federal partial-birth abortion ban has been adopted and upheld by the courts.

Arkansas needs a ban on partial-birth abortions to ensure that, should Congress ever repeal the federal ban, partial-birth abortions will remain outlawed in Arkansas. Our ban is essentially identical to the existing federal ban, so there's very little danger of the courts overturning it as unconstitutional—after all, the federal ban has already been upheld.

Partial-birth abortion is something that people on both sides of the abortion debate agree is deplorable. Tomorrow morning, we expect Representative Creekmore will present House Bill 1113 to the House Public Health Committee. Several representatives have already promised to support the bill, but a number have not.

We need you to contact your representatives, and ask them to vote YES on House Bill 1113, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban. Below is contact information for your legislators:

Phone: 501-682-6211 (Main Switchboard)

Or go to <http://www.ArkansasVotersGuide.com/> to find your representative's individual contact information.

Please contact them, and ask them to vote YES on House Bill 1113.

House Committee Votes to Override Electoral College

The House State Agencies Committee approved a bill this morning that, if passed, would essentially discontinue Arkansas' use of the Electoral College in Presidential Elections, and move to a popular vote.

A lot of people believe that the “one-person, one-vote” method of electing presidents would make individual voters more powerful. In reality, it only serves to strengthen metropolitan areas.

In a popular vote, Los Angeles would elect the President, not Arkansas; places like Seattle, Kansas City, Chicago, New York, and San Francisco would mark the stops for presidential campaigns and headquarters. Cities like Little Rock would barely see any

campaigning, much less any rural communities.

The Electoral College may not give Arkansas a very strong edge in every presidential election, but it does grant us more potential and a more level playing field than a nationwide popular vote.

House Bill 1339 passed the House State Agencies Committee this morning, but we still have time to stop it. It still has to be voted on by the entire House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate. Please contact your legislators, and ask them to vote NO on House Bill 1339.

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Arkansas' voice matters in the political process; we can't afford to let HB 1339 take it away.

Sincerely,
Jerry Cox