

ISSOURI VOTERS WAKE UP ! ! !

The principal deceptions and effects of the 2000-word text of the cloners' Amendment 2 that we have covered over the past 6 weeks:

1. Amendment 2 creates a constitutional right to clone and destroy human embryos for research while pretending to ban cloning.
2. Amendment 2 creates a constitutional right to pay women for eggs using clinics as middlemen while pretending to ban paying women for eggs.
3. Amendment 2 creates a constitutional incentive to create human embryos for research while pretending to ban creating embryos for research.
4. Amendment 2 creates a constitutional right to abort children to harvest stem cells while pretending to ban killing embryos after 14 days of life.
5. Amendment 2 creates a constitutional entitlement to ever-increasing taxpayer funding for cloning, with no legislative oversight allowed.
6. Amendment 2 provides complete constitutional immunity to cloners from any governmental action that might discourage their activities.

Now the cloners' **ULTIMATE DECEPTION**—the **BALLOT SUMMARY** that we will see in the voting booth:

Ballot Summary:

Commentary:

Constitutional Amendment 2

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to allow and set limitations on stem cell research, therapies, and cures which will:

- ensure Missouri patients have access to any therapies and cures, and allow Missouri researchers to conduct any research, permitted under federal law; (1)
- ban human cloning or attempted cloning; (2)
- require expert medical and public oversight and annual reports on the nature and purpose of stem cell research;
- impose criminal and civil penalties for any violations; and
- prohibit state or local governments from preventing or discouraging lawful stem cell research, therapies and cures? (3)

The proposed constitutional amendment would have an estimated annual fiscal impact on state and local governments of \$0-\$68,916. (4)

(1) Missourians are not denied access to any therapies permitted under federal law. Indeed, it is not illegal in Missouri today to clone and destroy human embryos for research purposes, and the cloners can do so today using their own money.

(2) The amendment uses a false definition of human cloning, claiming that to clone means to implant a cloned human embryo in a uterus. In fact, human cloning is accomplished by somatic cell nuclear transfer, a procedure that occurs **before** implantation and is specifically allowed by Amendment 2. The effect is to create a constitutional right to clone human beings while pretending to ban cloning.

(3) This is a drastic understatement of Section 7 of the proposed amendment, which will make cloning the highest law of the land, provide complete legal immunity to cloners, eliminate any legislative oversight of their activities, and create a constitutional entitlement to ever-increasing taxpayer funding of human cloning.

(4) Zero dollars? Wow. This is a completely misleading statement. Sections 5 and 7 ensure that cloners and cloning institutions will get a share of any state funding of biomedical research, which will ultimately come from the taxpayers, since money is fungible. No taxpayer funding of cloning can ever be cut, since such a cut would be an unconstitutional discouragement to human cloning. The effect is to create a one-way ratchet. Taxpayer funding of cloning can never go down; it can only go up, forever, without any say by taxpayers or our elected representatives.

The deceptive and misleading Ballot Summary is an attack on the integrity of the voting process in Missouri and on our opportunity for a fair and fully informed vote. Why all the deceptions and the relentless \$28+ million campaign focusing on “cures”? Because the cloners know that if the voters of Missouri truly understand the 2000-word text of the proposed amendment, they will reject it.

VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 2

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