

# **An Unlimited Constitutional Right To Clone And Destroy Human Embryos**

Subsection 2 of the proposed initiative **establishes the right to clone and destroy human embryos for research purposes** with the following words: “any stem cell research... may be conducted in Missouri.”

The term “stem cell” is defined in Subsection 6(13) to include “embryonic stem cells”, including those harvested from embryos created by in vitro fertilization (“in vitro fertilization blastocysts”) or by “somatic cell nuclear transfer,” which is the technical term for cloning.

By specifically including stem cells derived from somatic cell nuclear transfer (i.e. cloning) and from the destruction of in vitro fertilization embryos in the definition of “stem cell,” **this section of the initiative establishes the constitutional right to clone and destroy human embryos** for research purposes.

This right is **essentially unlimited**. NO regulation of cloning or embryo destruction by ANY legislative body or other governmental body will be allowed, as is **clearly and emphatically** stated in Subsection 7:

“...**all state and local laws**, regulations, rules, charters, ordinances, and other governmental actions **shall be construed in favor of the conduct of stem cell research** ... **No state or local law**, regulation, rule, charter, ordinance, or other governmental action **shall (i) prevent, restrict, obstruct, or discourage any stem cell research** ... or (ii) create **disincentives** for any person to engage in or otherwise associate with such research.”

**The unlimited right to clone and kill human embryos will become the highest law of the state.**

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