

CHOOSE LIFE

**VOTE NO!**

ON BALLOT QUESTION 1

## Ballot Question 1 FEELS DECEPTIVE...

This seems designed to hide the real purpose of this amendment - enshrining **permanent, unlimited abortion** in the Virginia constitution - by surrounding it with other things like prenatal care, childbirth, etc. - none of which are illegal or restricted in Virginia.

This seems designed to hide the fact that current restrictions on late-term abortions are being **weakened**, not strengthened.

The wording of this question seems designed to ignore the reality that parental notification rights for minors seeking an abortion will likely be **eliminated**.

The wording seems designed to draw the voter's attention away from the fact that preborn children will have **no rights or protections** if this amendment is passed.



To learn more, visit  
[cpcf.org/protectlife](https://cpcf.org/protectlife)

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Example Sample Ballot

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**Proposed Constitutional Amendment**  
**Question 1 - Abortion**

**Question:** Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

☐ YES

☒ NO

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**Proposed Constitutional Amendment**  
**Question 2 - Same-Sex Marriage**

**Question:** Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

☐ YES

☐ NO

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**Proposed Constitutional Amendment**  
**Question 3 - Voting**

**Question:** Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

☐ YES

☐ NO

*For illustration purposes only. This example ballot may not reflect the final wording on election day.*

# WHAT DOES THE NEW AMENDMENT *Actually Say?*

To read the full wording of the proposed amendment, visit:  
[cpcfriends.org/protectlife](http://cpcfriends.org/protectlife)



## **“Every Individual”**

Virginia law currently generally requires parental consent or court authorization before a minor obtains an abortion. The amendment, however, states that “every individual” has a fundamental right to abortion. It does not expressly limit that right to adults. Will parents still have a say if their daughter wants an abortion?

**We believe parents deserve the right to speak into life-altering decisions involving their minor children. The amendment does not guarantee that protection, and that is one reason why we must vote NO!**

## **“Fundamental right”**

Currently, Virginia’s laws do not protect preborn children in any trimester. If this amendment becomes part of Virginia’s Constitution, abortion will not simply remain legal, it will become a fundamental constitutional right. And as long as that amendment remains in place, future laws protecting preborn children cannot be enacted regardless of which legislators are in power.

**We believe every preborn child has value and deserves protection. That is another reason we must vote NO.**

## **“Denied, burdened, or infringed upon”**

Could counseling that encourages a woman to choose LIFE someday be characterized as a “burden”? Could ultrasound services, advertising, disclosures, or other services face malicious regulations or investigations? Those questions matter because pregnancy centers in other states have already faced litigation, investigations, and regulatory efforts. Could CPC be targeted next?

**We believe pregnancy centers like CPC should be free to serve women, speak truthfully about abortion, and encourage LIFE without fear that their ministry could be restricted, investigated, or targeted as a “burden” on abortion rights. We must vote NO!**

## **“In no circumstance”**

Abortion is already legal during all three trimesters in Virginia, but current law places additional requirements on third-trimester abortions. Today, three physicians must agree that continuing the pregnancy would likely result in the woman’s death or “substantially and irretrievably” impair her physical or mental health. Current Virginia law also includes requirements related to where late-term abortions may be performed and requires life-support measures when there is clearly visible evidence of viability following an attempted abortion.

The proposed amendment is notably different. It would allow only one physician to determine that an abortion is “medically indicated to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual” (**NOTE: what the amendment calls a “pregnant individual,” we call a woman or mother**). It does not include the words “substantially and irretrievably,” it does not expressly preserve Virginia’s current hospital requirements, and it does not expressly require life-support measures for a child who survives an attempted abortion.

**We believe that abortion in any trimester is wrong and that late-term abortions will only increase if this amendment passes. Virginia, we must choose LIFE and vote NO on Ballot Question 1!**

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