

BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 108 (CI-108)

CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 108

A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

The due process section of the Montana Constitution provides that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. CI-108 amends the due process section of the Montana Constitution to define “person” as used in that section to apply to “all human beings at every stage of development, including the stage of fertilization or conception, regardless of age, health, level of functioning, or condition of dependency.” It grants due process rights at every stage of biological development, including fertilization or conception.

- FOR amending the Montana Constitution’s due process section to define “person” to include “all human beings at every stage of development,” including fertilization or conception.

- AGAINST amending the Montana Constitution’s due process section to define “person” to include “all human beings at every stage of development,” including fertilization or conception.

THE COMPLETE TEXT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE NO. 108 (CI-108)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Article II, section 17, of The Constitution of the State of Montana is amended to read:

"Section 17. Due process of law. (1) No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

(2) As used in this section, the word "person" applies to all human beings at every stage of development, including the stage of fertilization or conception, regardless of age, health, level of functioning, or condition of dependency.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, or proceedings that were begun before [the effective date of this act].

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective upon approval by the electorate.