

Proposed law adds definitions of "abortion" and "gestational age".

Proposed law also provides that, relative to the crime of abortion, proposed law will become effective upon any final decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit upholding the Act that originated as House Bill 1510 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, which decision would thereby provide the authority for a state within the jurisdiction of that court of appeals to restrict abortion past 15 weeks of gestational age.

Proposed law provides that certain provisions are repealed in favor of the provisions of R.S. 40:1061 (health provisions: abortion), immediately upon and to the extent that the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the authority of states to prohibit elective abortions on demand or by the adoption of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would restore the state's authority to prohibit elective abortions.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 14:87(D); adds R.S. 14:87(E), (F), and (G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds definitions of "abortion" and "gestational age".
2. Adds provision that proposed law will become effective upon any final decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit upholding the Act that originated as House Bill 1510 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, thereby authorizing a state within the jurisdiction of that court of appeals to restrict abortion past 15 weeks of gestational age.
3. Adds language specifying that certain provisions are repealed in favor of the provisions of present law, immediately upon and to the extent that the United States Supreme Court upholds the authority of the states to prohibit elective abortions on demand or by the adoption of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would restore the state's authority to prohibit elective abortions.